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Bar Admission: Québec, 2003

Areas of Expertise

- Defence, Security and Aerospace
- Fintech
- Real Estate
- Banking and Financial Services
- Technology
- Agribusiness
- Mining and Natural Resources
- Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences
- Health
- Retail and Consumer Products
- Food and Beverage
- Securities Regulatory
- Franchise
- Corporate Governance
- Capital Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions

François is a partner in the firm's Business Law Department, and is the Managing Partner of Osler's Montreal office. He has been nationally recognized as a leading capital markets and U.S/Canada cross-border lawyer in Canada and has been named a "Rising Star" (top 40 under 40) and a "Leading Lawyer to Watch" in the area of Corporate Finance and Securities in Lexpert.

François' specializes in Canadian and cross-border capital markets, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and private equity transactions, including representing various public and private companies across different industries, with an emphasis on technology and life sciences, and as well as large institutions, investment funds and investment banks. His extensive experience of over 20 years includes acting on in a variety of matters including public offerings and private placements, going private transactions, mergers and acquisitions (both negotiated and unsolicited), large restructurings and governance matters.

Notable matters on which Francois has been involved include:

IPOs and go-public transactions: Bausch & Lomb, Groupe Dynamite, Dialogue Health, Alithya, Mindbeacon, DavidsTea.

M&A: CAE acquisition of military business from Bombardier, sale of interest in Innocap by National Bank, acquisition of Ren's Pets by Groupe Mondou, acquisitions by Vosker, Alithya, SherWeb and Dilawri, sale of BonLook (acting for founders) and sale of Sharethrough (acting for founders).

Other significant public issuer and governance work: Hydro-Québec, Xebec, Neptune Wellness, Acasti Pharma.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Corporate: Commercial (Québec)
- **Lexpert Rising Stars:** Recognized in Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities Law
- **IFLR 1000:** *The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms:* Recognized in Capital Markets: Equity; Capital markets: Debt (Highly Regarded); Canada Lawyer of the Year (Equity Capital Markets) 2021
- **Euromoney LMG:** Recognized in Americas Rising Star Awards: Best in Capital Markets (Shortlisted)
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory**: Recognized in Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Finance & Securities; Mergers & Acquisitions

Credentials

Education

- Université de Montréal, LL.B.

Languages

- French
- English

Professional Affiliations

- Barreau du Québec
- Young Bar Association of Montréal
- Canadian Bar Association