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Bar Admission: Québec, 1990

Areas of Expertise

Tax: M&A, Reorganizations and

Restructuring Transactions

Tax Disputes

International Tax

Tax Litigation

Transfer Pricing

Private Equity

Technology

Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences

Private Client Taxation

Tax Advisory Services

Private Client

Tax

Mark is a tax partner and leads Osler’s tax group in Montréal. He also leads Osler’s Private Client group. Mark is the past Chair of the Canadian Tax Foundation (Canada’s leading organization for tax professionals) having occupied the office of chair of the Board of Governors of the CTF in 2019. He is also co-editor of the Corporate Tax Planning feature of the Canadian Tax Journal published by the CTF.

Mark frequently advises on important business transactions and critical tax disputes. His practice is broad based, focusing on domestic and international tax-planning, cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, financings and tax dispute resolution. Mark has extensive experience in advising Canadian and foreign multi-national corporations, private equity funds, venture capital funds and privately owned businesses. Mark also has significant expertise in advising private family enterprises and family offices on succession and estate planning.

Mark is recognized as one of Canada’s preeminent tax lawyers. He was named “Lawyer of the Year” for 2019 by Best Lawyers in Canada and he is consistently recognized as a leading lawyer in Chambers Global, Lexpert, The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada and The Lexpert Guide to Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada, International Who’s Who of Corporate Tax Lawyers, Best Lawyers in Canada for Corporate Tax, Trusts & Estates, among others. Furthermore, he has been recognized as an Academician by The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. Mark was recently appointed a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and named to the CBA/CPA Canada Joint Committee on Taxation.

Mark is a frequent speaker and author having published numerous papers on a range of topics including corporate tax, tax litigation and estate planning. Mark has the distinction of being awarded the Douglas J Sherbaniuk distinguished writing award for his paper “Subsection 55(2): Then and Now” delivered at the 2012 annual CTF conference. He is also currently editor-in-chief of the Corporate Groups & Structures Journal.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Tax
- **Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Business Lawyers:** Recognized in Tax
- **Chambers High Net Worth – Canada:** Recognized in Private Wealth Law (Band 1)
 - *“Mark is a very strong tax lawyer. He is brilliant, intellectually extremely alert and a very thoughtful person to deal with.”*
 - *“Mark is extremely capable, vastly experienced, sophisticated and has sound awareness on many areas impacting clients of significant wealth.”*
 - *“Mark is one of the most knowledgeable in the field. His breadth and depth of knowledge is remarkable.”*
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Corporate Tax; [Québec’s top corporate tax lawyers in 2021](#); Estate & Personal Tax Planning – Estate & Tax Planning
- **Lexpert’s Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada:** Recognized in Corporate Tax
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Trusts and Estates; Tax Law
- **Legal 500:** recognized as a Recommended Lawyer, Tax
- **International Tax Review:** Recognized in General Corporate Tax as a Notable Practitioner
- **Who’s Who Legal:** Recognized in Corporate Tax – Advisory, Tax – Controversy, Recognized in Private Client (International), Tax – Advisory, Tax – Controversy; Private Client (Canada), Corporate Tax
- **Who’s Who Legal Thought Leaders: Global Elite:** Recognized in Private Client; Corporate Tax
- **Best Lawyers Awards Canada:** Recognized in Tax Law, Trusts and Estates, and Private Funds Law

Credentials

Education

- McGill University, LL.B./B.C.L.
 - McGill University, B.A.
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Languages

- English

- French
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Professional Affiliations

- The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (recognized Academician)
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (Fellow)
- Canadian Tax Foundation (member of the CBA/CPA Canada Joint Committee on Taxation)
- International Fiscal Association (member of council)
- Association de planification fiscale et financière (APFF)
- Canadian Bar Association
- Association du Barreau du Québec