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Bar Admission: Québec, 1990 | New York, 1990

### Areas of Expertise

Pension Fund Investments

E-mobility

Fintech

Private Equity

Technology

Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences

Investment Funds

Private Funds

Venture Capital

Artificial Intelligence

Capital Markets

Mergers and Acquisitions

Emerging and High Growth

Companies

Shahir is the outgoing National Co-Chair of the firm and served on its Partnership Board for 10 years. He is a partner in the Corporate Group. He was Managing Partner of the Montréal office for 7 years prior to becoming national Co-Chair. He has over 30 years of experience and is a recognized advisor in M&A, private equity and corporate finance.

His private equity and venture capital experience includes advising funds on their domestic and cross-border portfolio investments and divestitures and on their fund formations. Shahir acts for a number of the country's most successful technology and biotechnology companies, including in their financings, IPOs, and M&As.

Shahir sits on the board of directors of Investment Québec (a \$17B fund state-owned investment fund for the province of Quebec), Concordia University, and Jubilant Draxis Pharma. He was a member of the Board of Directors of GFL Environmental (NYSE and TSX), of the Business Development Bank of Canada for eight years and of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, which he chaired from 2019 to 2021. He is also a member of the boards of several other companies and was Co-Chair of Réseau Capital (Québec's private equity and venture capital association) between 2010 and 2013.

Shahir has received significant industry and peer recognition, including having received top rankings in eight categories of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (including Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Finance & Securities, Private Equity, Technology Transactions, and Biotechnology). He is recognized as a Star Lawyer by *Acritas Stars* (now *Thompson Reuters' Standout Lawyers*), and is also ranked in *Chambers Canada*, where he is recognized in the area of Corporate/Commercial (Québec) and Startups & Emerging Companies. Shahir was also recognized as the 2021 'Lawyer of the Year' in Private Funds Law by *Best Lawyers in Canada* and is recognized by *IFLR 1000* in the area of Investment Funds, M&A and Private Equity. In recognition of his significant contribution to the profession, Shahir was awarded the prestigious *Advocatus Emeritus* distinction by the Quebec Bar, in addition to being inducted into the prestigious John Abbott College Hall of Distinction in 2022.

## Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Startups & Emerging Companies (Nationwide) and Corporate/Commercial (Québec)
  - "He has a big presence in this market."
  - "[Shahir is] a real top M&A guy; he is an extraordinary individual. He is a great thinker and can help us put all of the right pieces in place."
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Corporate Commercial Law; Health & Life Sciences; Technology Transactions; Private Equity; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers & Acquisitions; Computer & IT Law; Corporate Finance & Securities; Investment Funds & Asset Management – Investment Funds
- **Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada:** Recognized in Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers & Acquisitions
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice; Corporate Law; FinTech Practice; Information Technology Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Private Funds Law; Technology Law; Venture Capital Law; "Lawyer of the Year", Private Funds Law; "Lawyer of the Year", Technology Law
- **IFLR 1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms:** Recognized in Private Equity; M&A; Investment Funds (Highly Regarded)
- **Who's Who Legal:** Recognized in International – Life Sciences – Transactional and Life Sciences
- **Lexpert Special Edition:** Recognized in Technology

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## Community Involvement

- St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Orthodox Church, Board of Directors

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## Credentials

### Education

- McGill University, LL.B.
- McGill University, B.C.L.

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## Languages

- Arabic
- English
- French

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## Professional Affiliations

- Investissement Québec, Independent Member of the Board of Directors
- Board of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, Chair 2019–2021
- Business Development Bank of Canada, Member of the Board of Directors 2012–2021
- GFL Environmental Inc., Member of the Board of Directors 2018–2019
- Jubilant Draxis