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Whitney's practice focuses on corporate commercial and securities law.

Whitney has extensive experience advising clients in the investment management industry, including investment fund managers, dealers and investment advisers, with respect to legal issues regarding the development, distribution and ongoing administration of different investment products, including exchange-traded funds, mutual funds and pooled funds. She also advises clients on a wide range of commercial law matters, including mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts and corporate governance matters.

Experience

- U.S.-based tech company: Advising a leading U.S.-based technology company in its acquisition of a Canadian quantum computing business.
- Fidelity Investments Canada ULC: Advising Fidelity in relation to the launch of bitcoin funds in Canada
- Canadian Hedge Fund Manager: Advising a hedge fund manager in relation to its merger with a Toronto-based alternative investment fund manager.
- Canadian Investment Fund Manager: Advising an investment fund manager in relation to the sale of its retail investment fund and portfolio management business.
- Restaurant and Hospitality Group: Advising a prominent Canadian restaurant and hospitality group on various acquisitions, divestitures and strategic partnerships.
- U.S. Private Equity Firm: Acting as Canadian counsel to a U.S. private equity firm in connection with the \$2.3 billion acquisition of a global supplier of rigid packaging products and services.

- U.S. Private Equity Firm: Acting as Canadian counsel to a U.S. private equity firm in connection with the \$2.4 billion acquisition of a North American manufacturer of rigid metal and plastic containers used to package industrial, bulk food and retail goods.
- Various Canadian- and U.S.-based Investment Fund Managers: Advising numerous Canadian and U.S.-based investment fund managers in the launch and ongoing administration of their exchange-traded fund platforms, including exchange-traded funds structured as alternative mutual funds.
- Various Canadian- and U.S.-based Investment Fund Managers: Advising numerous Canadian and U.S.-based investment fund managers in the launch and ongoing administration of retail mutual funds.
- Various Investment Fund Managers: Advising numerous investment fund managers in obtaining exemptive relief from securities law requirements in connection with structuring and administering various exchange-traded fund, mutual fund and pooled fund products.
- U.S.-based Investment Fund Manager: Advising a U.S.-based investment fund manager in the launch of its mutual fund and pooled fund platforms in Canada.
- U.S.-based Investment Dealers and Advisers: Advising U.S.-based investment dealers and advisers in connection with obtaining registration under Canadian securities legislation.
- Canadian Securities Intermediary: Advising a Canadian securities intermediary and its board on a variety of corporate governance and compliance related matters.
- Canadian Bank: Acting as Canadian counsel to a Canadian bank on a global outsourcing transaction in connection with outsourcing functions related to its investment fund products and portfolio management services.
- Canadian Biomedical Company: Advising on sale to portfolio company of a prominent global private equity firm.
- U.S. Ingredients Production Company: Advising U.S.-based ingredients production company on acquisition of a Canadian plant-based protein company.
- U.S. Mining Company: Advising U.S.-based mining company on equity investment in Canadian mining project.

Insights & Events

- Autrice, « 35 years of ETFs: The evolution of a Canadian innovation », article de BLG, mars 2025
- Autrice, « Feuille de route ESG de BLG : apprentissages du cabinet juridique de référence au Canada », article de BLG, avril 2024
- Autrice, « 18-year check up: Continuous disclosure review and guidance for IRCs », article de BLG, avril 2024
- Autrice, « La CVMO publie ses directives à l'attention des émetteurs de fonds d'investissement et de produits structurés », article de BLG, novembre 2023
- Autrice, « Examen par les ACVM : pleins feux sur les fonds négociés en bourse », article de BLG, octobre 2023
- Autrice, « Reduced regulatory burden for investment funds and managers - progress for 2022 », article de BLG, février 2022
- Autrice, « Conflicted over how to identify and address conflicts? », article de BLG, mars 2021
- Autrice, « BLG Represents First Bitcoin Market Participant to be Approved by Canadian Securities Administrators », article de BLG, septembre 2017

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Law Society of Ontario

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Investment Funds & Asset Management).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2013
- Alberta, 2019

- BA (Hons.), Université Queen's, 2009, English Literature, B.A. in Political Studies
- JD, Faculté de droit Osgoode Hall de l'Université York, 2012

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