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As a partner in our Business Law Group, Kobi has built a robust practice that encompasses a broad range of corporate and commercial matters, with a particular emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, private equity and cross-border transactions. He has extensive experience across a wide array of industries and capably represents a diversity of clients on both sides of the border, including entrepreneurs, owner-managers, developers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, as well as private equity firms, merchant banks, venture capital firms and companies in the healthcare sector.

Kobi's extensive expertise allows him to confidently counsel his clients at all stages, while strategically leading them through mergers, acquisitions and dispositions of businesses, debt and equity financings, venture capital investments, private equity-sponsored transactions, corporate governance mandates, reorganizations, as well as other corporate and commercial transactions.

As a complement to his legal knowledge is Kobi's sharp business acumen—a combination that his clients have leveraged to optimize their chances of success during some of the most complex negotiations. Kobi's clients consistently praise his even temperament, strategic counsel, pragmatism and big-picture mindset—features that make him a trusted legal advisor to their teams. He is skilled at distilling the intricate details of his clients' matters and clearly articulates them in a relatable manner.

Kobi has always been steadfastly committed to maintaining the highest standards of client service excellence. He invests a significant amount of his own time immersing himself in his clients' businesses, as well as the industries in which they operate. He believes that speaking their language greatly strengthens his ability to anticipate their needs and formulate the best strategy to achieve results that align with their goals and objectives. Clients have repeatedly commended Kobi on his responsiveness, efficiency and overall "client first" approach, qualities that reinforce the tremendous value he brings to their teams.

As a testament to the premium quality of his work, Kobi has been recognized by *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory* in the Corporate Mid-Market area, and was honoured as one of *Expert's* Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40, in 2020.

Expertise

- ▶ Business Law
- ▶ Mergers & Acquisitions
- ▶ Private Equity

Awards & Recognition

- ▶ Named a 2020 Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40
- ▶ *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Leading Lawyers to Watch - Corporate Mid-Market (2021)
- ▶ *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Corporate Mid-Market (2018)

Memberships

- ▶ Canadian Bar Association
- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association
- ▶ New York State Bar Association
- ▶ District of Columbia Bar

Credentials

- ▶ Called to the Washington, D.C. Bar, 2010
- ▶ Called to the Ontario Bar, 2009
- ▶ Called to the New York Bar, 2008

Education

- ▶ LL.M. (Tax), Osgoode Hall Law School, 2012
- ▶ J.D., University of Detroit Mercy Law School, 2006
- ▶ B.A. (Political Science), The University of Western Ontario, 2002