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Law Practice

As the head legal research partner in the Toronto office, Margaret Grottenthaler writes opinions and provides advice on a wide variety of corporate and commercial issues for clients of the firm. She has a particular specialty in derivatives products and securities financing arrangements such as securities loans and repo transactions. She is the author of the Canadian law opinions on ISDA's standard form master agreements, ISLA's securities lending agreements and ICMA's and SIFMA's repo agreements. She provides advice on the central clearing, structuring, enforcement, and collateralization of derivatives and securities financing transactions. She is a regular contributor to the firm's Structured Finance and Financial Products blog, our Retrospect publication and a frequent speaker at our in-house seminars and outside conferences. She is co-chair of the firm's National Knowledge Management Committee and chair of the Toronto office Opinions Committee.

Ms. Grottenthaler's expertise in the area of derivatives products has been recognized in the following publications:

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2012* in the area of Derivatives Law.
- The 2012 Lexpert/American Lawyer *Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* for Derivative Structures.
- The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2011 as a leading practitioner in the Derivative Instruments sector.
- The Best Lawyers' 2010 Toronto Derivatives Lawyer of the Year.

She is AV® Peer Review Rated according to Martindale-Hubbell (Very High to Pre-eminent), its highest level of professional ranking.

Professional Activities

Ms. Grottenthaler is chair of the ISDA's Canadian Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee, a member of ISDA's Canadian Steering Committee and a member of the Canadian Securities Lending Association's Legal Committee. She is a member of TOROG (Toronto Opinions Group), the Toronto Research Lawyers Group and the Canadian Bar Association. She has served on the Federal Judicial Advisory Committee and was a member of the Ontario Government's committee on reform of the Commodity Futures Act.

Publications & Conferences

She is the author of a number of articles and is a regular contributor to the *Journal of International Banking Law and*

Regulation. She has also co-authored a text published by Carswell entitled *The Law of Financial Derivatives in Canada*.

Education

University of Oxford (B.C.L. 1988), University of Western Ontario (LL.B. 1984).

Background

Ms. Grottenthaler is a singer in and president of newchoir, a 150 member community rock and pop choir, and a member of the board of directors of Art of Time Ensemble. She struggles to learn the piano and spends the rest of her free time badgering her son to do his homework. She was formerly the chair of the Walrus Foundation.

Bar Admission

Ontario, 1986