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Law Practice

John Leopold is a senior partner in the Montréal office of Stikeman Elliott with the firm's Corporate Group and is co-chair of the firm's Mergers and Acquisitions Group. His practice is directed primarily to the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance, with a particular focus on cross-border transactions.

Mr. Leopold is included in the following publications:

- Named one of the "30 Most Influential Private Equity Attorneys in the World" in the November 2006 issue of Private Equity International magazine. Mr. Leopold is the only Canadian lawyer named in such publication;
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada*, 2012 edition;
- Recognized by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2011*, as a leading practitioner in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate mid-market corporate commercial and corporate finance & securities;
- Lexpert/American Lawyer Media publication, *A Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*, 2012 edition;
- *The International Who's Who of Merger & Acquisition Lawyers 2011*, with the following quotation: "John Leopold received a torrent of praise from some of the most prominent M&A names, with many attesting to his "outstanding" calibre.";
- *The International Who's Who of Corporate Governance Lawyers 2011*;
- The 2011 Chambers Global's *The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a recommended lawyer in Corporate and M&A where he is described by clients as a "great strategist";
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2011* in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance, with the following quotations: "John Leopold is one of Montreal's finest lawyers and has a particular focus on cross-border transactions" and "John Leopold received recommendations from across Canada and internationally";
- Lexpert *Leading Corporate Lawyers*, special edition, June 2011;
- Lexpert *Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2011 edition;
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2010* in the areas of Corporate Governance and Mergers and Acquisitions, *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2010* in the areas of Corporate Governance and Mergers and Acquisitions, with the following quotations: "John Leopold is viewed as an "absolutely outstanding corporate lawyer" and "John Leopold "may just be the best lawyer in Canada", according to one impressed interviewee. "He is certainly the person I call";
- LawDay's *Leading Lawyers* for Mergers and Acquisitions, 2009 edition;

- Lexpert-Thomson Findlaw, *Guide to the Leading 100 Canada/US Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*, 2006 edition, for M&A.
- Recognized as having the highest rating ("AV") under the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings.

Mr. Leopold was appointed as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in March 2010. Membership in The Fellows is limited to one third of one percent of the lawyers in America. Fellows of the ABF is an honorary organization who have been elected by their peers because of their outstanding achievements in the legal profession.

Professional Activities

Mr. Leopold is a member of the Quebec and Canadian Bar, as well as an associate member of the American Bar Association. Mr. Leopold was the founding member and is the immediate past Chair of the International Transactions Subcommittee of the American Bar Association, which has more than 200 members and includes mergers and acquisitions specialists from the United States, Canada and thirty-five other countries. Mr. Leopold is also an active member of the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee of the American Bar Association. He has participated in numerous panels and conferences on mergers and acquisitions.

Publications & Conferences

- Co-editor and contributing author of the American Bar Association publication *International Stock Purchase Acquisitions* (ABA, 2006).
- Co-editor and contributing author of the American Bar Association publication *International Asset Acquisitions* (ABA, 2001).
- Co-author of *International Joint Ventures, Mergers and Acquisitions* (2000).
- Co-author of *Cross-Border Acquisitions: Charting a Course through Unknown Territory* (1996).
- Collaborated in writing the American Bar Association publication *Model Stock Purchase Agreement* (ABA, 1995).
- Co-author of *Letters of Intent in Business Acquisitions* (1993).

Education

University of Montréal (B.C.L., 1979) and McGill University (B.A., 1976).

Bar Admission

Québec, 1980