

Sterling H. Dietze

1155 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Suite 4000, Montréal, QC H3B 3V2, Canada

Direct: (514) 397-3076 Fax: (514) 397-3576 sdietze@stikeman.com



Law Practice

Sterling Dietze is a partner in the Montréal office of Stikeman Elliott with the Banking and Corporate Finance Group. His practice involves all aspects of institutional financing and banking. Mr. Dietze has acted for borrowers and lenders in various financing transactions. Such transactions have included gold loans, securitizations, syndicated loans and participation agreements, asset-based financing, infrastructure financing, international financial transactions, project financing and financial derivative products. Mr. Dietze has also acted as counsel to foreign financial institutions in respect of the financial regulatory environment in Canada and the Province of Quebec and as special international counsel to a Presidential Commission in Haiti for the reform of secured transaction laws.

He was directly involved in the drafting of standard form security documentation for one of the major Canadian chartered banks in light of the reform of Québec civil law. He has also given numerous conferences in respect of his areas of practice.

Mr. Dietze is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

He is included in the following publications:

- IFLR1000's *The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2012* as a leading lawyer in Restructuring and Insolvency.
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2012* in Banking and Structured Finance Law;
- Lexpert/American Lawyer Media publication, *A Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*, 2012 edition;
- Named Montréal Structured Finance *Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers' 2011*;
- Recognized as a leading lawyer in Lexpert's Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers, October 2011;
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2011*, as a leading practitioner in the banking and financial institutions (including financial institutions regulatory), securitization, asset securitization, finance leasing, derivative instruments and project finance sectors;
- The 2011 Chambers Global's *The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a recommended lawyer in Banking and Finance (Securitization);
- Lexpert *2011 Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*, in Banking;

- Legal Media Group's *Expert Guide to the World's Leading Project Finance Lawyers* 2011.

Professional Activities

Mr. Dietze is a member of the Quebec Bar and the Law Society of Upper Canada. In addition, he is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and of the InterAmerican Bar Association.

Publications & Conferences

- Impact of the New Business Corporations Act (Quebec) on Financing Transactions, under the direction of Marc Lemieux - *Le droit bancaire en 2011: Nouveautés et tendances* ©2012 - *Les Editions Thémis inc.*
- Quebec Government adopts securities transfer legislation, *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* - N-44 News Section (2009).
- Legal Opinions in Financing Transactions (2005) R du B 67.
- Securitizations and the Province of Quebec (2002) 18 BFLR 1.
- Standard & Poor's Canadian Legal Criteria for Canadian Structured Finance Transactions (2000).
- Recent Developments in Secured Financing by way of Instalment Sale, Leasing and Lease (1999) R du B 1.
- Quebec requires registration of securitization programs(1998) IFLR Vol. XVII No. 7 p. 31.
- *Some Applications of the Implementation Act to Movable Security* (1997) R du B 3.

Representative Work

- Aircraft Financing, Air Canada representative in numerous financing deals.
- Acted for a syndicate of banks in respect of gold loans to Cambior Inc.
- Concession A25, L.P. C\$270 million financing.
- International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., counsel for Quebec collateral opinion in respect of credit support annexes.
- Transcontinental Inc. and subsidiaries securitization programme.
- US\$1 billion credit facility for Canadian National Railway Company and Subsidiaries.
- French language version of draft Uniform Securities Transfer Act.
- US\$100 million issuance of debt by Transcontinental Inc.

Education

Université de Montréal (B.C.L. Honours, 1990), University of Toronto (LL.B. Honours, 1989), Queen's University (M.A. Economics, 1986) and Université Laval (B.A. Economics, 1985). He was recipient of a Bourse spéciale de maîtrise du Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada in 1985 and recipient of the Bourse d'échanges bilingues en études canadiennes in 1983.

Bar Admission

Ontario, 1996

Québec, 1991