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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2017

Areas of Expertise

- Capital Markets
- Digital Assets and Blockchain
- Financial Services Regulatory
- Fintech
- Investment Funds
- Securities Regulatory

Asad is an associate in our Corporate group. His practice focuses on capital markets and frequently advises clients on Canadian securities regulatory matters. Asad has expertise developing and leading policy initiatives in Canada on innovative business models, including the regulatory framework for crypto asset trading platforms, digital asset custodians, digital asset investment funds and initial coin/token offerings.

Asad assists clients to obtain regulatory approval for innovative business models and investment products through applications for registration and exemptive relief. Asad also advises clients on regulatory audits, investigations and compliance issues.

Prior to joining Osler, Asad served as Legal Counsel to the Ontario Securities Commission where he worked in the Innovation Office, Corporate Finance, Compliance and Registrant Regulation and Derivatives branch.

Community Involvement

- Community Living Ontario, Pro Bono Student
- Community Legal Aid Services Program, Intake Volunteer
- Osgoode Business Clinic, Senior Pro Bono Case Worker

Credentials

Education

- Osgoode Hall Law School, J.D.
- University of Manitoba, B.Comm.

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Languages

- English

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Professional Affiliations

- South Asian Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario