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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2006 | New York, 2009

Areas of Expertise

Major Projects

Financial Institution Transactions

Fintech

Private Equity

Banking and Financial Services

Technology

Investment Funds

Private Funds

Corporate Governance

Mergers and Acquisitions

Ricco Bhasin is a partner in Osler’s Corporate department and Co-Chair of the Financial Institution Transactions practice. Ricco is a leading and trusted corporate, M&A, governance, partnership and joint venture advisor to private equity sponsors, and pension funds, financial institutions, governments and general corporates — bringing specialized expertise in financial services, infrastructure, and technology sectors.

Regularly advising on complex private equity and public M&A, investments, and joint ventures, clients value Ricco’s ability to anticipate challenges, craft practical solutions, and deliver results — even in the most demanding commercial and regulatory environments. He also has experience in proxy, activist and sensitive board matters. Ricco has been consistently ranked as a leading M&A and Corporate expert by Chambers and other global publications.

Ricco’s private equity expertise spans a range of private equity transactions, including leveraged buyouts, take-private deals, minority and fund investments, secondary market transactions, and strategic acquisitions. His guidance extends beyond deal-making to encompass securities law compliance, corporate governance, and other pivotal matters to support successful acquisitions, and exits.

Ricco is a critical strategic partner and an asset to clients with cross-border needs. Called to the bar in both Ontario and New York, Ricco regularly helps clients execute Canada/U.S. cross-border and other international transactions with precision. With an ICD.D certification from the Institute of Corporate Directors, he also advises boards and senior leadership on governance, proxy and activist investor matters.

An active and engaged member of the community, Ricco serves on the Board of the Sunnybrook Foundation, sits on its Audit Committee and is a member of the Sunnybrook Hospital Board’s Quality Committee. He previously served as vice chair of the board and chair of Governance at the William Osler Health System and is a mentor in the Western Law BIPOC

Mentorship Program, among other charitable and diversity-focused initiatives.

Awards and Recognition

- Recognized in Corporate/Commercial (Ontario)

—CHAMBERS CANADA

- Recognized in Corporate and M&A (Highly Regarded)

—IFLR1000: THE GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S LEADING FINANCIAL LAW FIRMS

- Recognized in Corporate and M&A

—THE LEGAL 500

- Recognized in Corporate Commercial Law; Mergers & Acquisitions

—THE CANADIAN LEGAL LEXPERT DIRECTORY

- Top 40 Under 40 (2016)

—THE M&A ADVISOR EMERGING LEADER AWARD

- Recognized in Banking and Finance Law

—BEST LAWYERS IN CANADA

Community Involvement

- Sunnybrook Hospital, Board Member of the Quality Committee
 - Sunnybrook Hospital Foundation, Director and Member of Audit Committee
 - William Osler Health System, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors (Former)
 - Western Law BIPOC Mentorship Program, Mentor
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Credentials

Education

- Queen’s University, JD
- Schulich School of Business, York University, BBA

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Languages

- English
- Punjabi

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Professional Affiliations

- Ontario Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- ICD.D
- CIFIC