



## Sandra Abitan, Ad. E.

Partner, Insolvency and Restructuring

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Bar Admission: Québec, 1990

## Areas of Expertise

U.S. Cross-Border Legal Services

Automotive

Retail and Consumer Products

Capital Markets

Insolvency and Restructuring

Mergers and Acquisitions

Sandra is a respected leader in insolvency and restructuring law in Québec, across Canada and internationally. She advises Canadian and global companies, financial institutions, equity participants and court officers on reorganizations, recapitalizations, restructurings and strategic acquisitions.

With over 35 years of experience, she is consistently lauded for her creative and practical approach to problem solving and finding solutions to complex business and legal problems. As Managing Partner of the firm's Montréal office from 2017 to June 2025 and in other leadership roles, Sandra has played a significant role in its growth and development over the years.

A firm believer in the importance of developing diversity within the legal profession and fostering an inclusive work environment, Sandra has participated in several projects and committees created for this purpose with the Barreau du Québec. Sandra is also very involved in community work, serving as a Past President of the Board of the Turnaround Management Association – Montréal Chapter, a member of the board of directors of the Insolvency Institute of Canada and the Montréal Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and an active member of other renowned organizations within her areas of expertise.

In recognition of her significant contribution to the profession, Sandra was awarded the prestigious Advocatus Emeritus distinction by the Québec Bar.

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## Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** recognized in Restructuring/Insolvency
- **Chambers Global: The World's Leading Business Lawyers:** recognized in

## Restructuring/Insolvency

- "...[Sandra] is knowledgeable, smart and pleasant to work with. She is hands-on and very practical on matters and knows how to work with various stakeholders with differing interests. She is extremely adept at providing strategic advice on how to get us to our stated goal."
  - **The Canadian Legal Expert Directory:** recognized in Insolvency & Financial Restructuring – Insolvency Litigation; Banking & Financial Institutions; Québec's best insolvency and financial restructuring lawyers in 2021
  - **Expert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada:** recognized in Insolvency & Financial Restructuring
  - **Best Lawyers in Canada:** recognized in Banking and Finance Law; Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law
  - **IFLR 1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms:** recognized in Restructuring and Insolvency (Highly Regarded); classified in the list "Women Leaders" in 2021 and in 2022
  - **Legal 500:** recognized as a Leading Individual in Restructuring and Insolvency
  - **Who's Who Legal:** Canada and International – Restructuring & Insolvency
  - **Benchmark Litigation Canada:** recognized in Insolvency; recognized as a Local Star
  - **Lawdragon:** recognized in the 2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers
  - **Expert guides:** *The Legal Media Group Guides to the World's Leading Lawyers:* Restructuring & Insolvency; Association of Québec Women in Finance: Leadership award; Federation CJA: Women of Power; Lexology: Client Choice Award of Lexology: Restructuring & Insolvency (Québec)
  - **International Law Office:** Client Choice Award in Insolvency and Restructuring (2021)
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## Credentials

### Education

- Université de Montréal, LL.B.
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### Languages

- French
  - English
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## Professional Affiliations

- Federation CJA, member of the Board of Directors
- Montréal Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Directors
- The Insolvency Institute of Canada, member of the Board of Directors
- Canadian Bar Association, Insolvency Section
- Former member of the Comité de liaison du Barreau du Québec, Superior Court, Commercial Division
- Canadian Insolvency Foundation
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member of the International Committee
- Turnaround Management Association, former President of the Board of Montréal
- International Association of Insolvency Practitioners (INSOL International)