

PMAC Lawyers' Summer Mixer

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"Asset Management & M&A Activities in 2019 and Beyond - Demystifying the Role of In-house Counsel."

Panelists



Mario Nigro

Partner, Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity & Venture Capital Groups
Stikeman Elliott LLP

Mario Nigro is a partner in the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity & Venture Capital Groups. His practice focuses on business law, including acquisitions, dispositions, and reorganizations. Mario has extensive experience working with private equity and venture capital firms on numerous acquisitions and dispositions. He has worked on numerous Canadian private equity fund transactions for leading private equity firms, including for AEA Investors, Alpine Growth Partners, Arbor Investments, Auxo Management, Black Eagle Partners, Blue Point Capital, Centre Lane Partners, Clearview Capital, Harvest Partners, H.I.G. Capital, High Park Capital, Generation Partners, Goode Partners, Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group, Greybrook Realty Partners, Imperial Capital Partners, Magnum Capital Partners, New Water Capital, Novacap Industries, Oakridge Capital, Sharp Capital, Sun Capital, Supply Chain Equity Partners, Turtle Holdings, Westview Capital Partners, White Wolf Capital and Wingate Partners.

Mario has represented some of the leading food, retail and manufacturing businesses in Canada, as well as a leading provider of outsourced office and workplace solutions in Canada. He works with a number of growing technology companies and has helped them with acquisitions, dispositions, financings and growth capital transactions.

He practices in the area of energy law and has experience working with clients involved in the Ontario electricity marketplace including in respect of renewable energy. He has worked on various acquisitions and dispositions of energy assets.



Jean Nelson

Vice President, Legal, Governance and Meeting Services, Senior Legal Counsel, and Chief Privacy Officer
Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

Jean's current role is Vice President, Legal, Governance and Meeting Services, Senior Legal Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer, Canadian Medical Association, providing advice to the CMA and subsidiary Boards and Staff. Prior to this role, Jean was legal counsel with the Department of Justice, Indian Affairs and Northern Development. She obtained her civil and common law degrees from McGill University and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1998.

Jean is a volunteer with several professional and charitable organizations, including the Canadian Bar Association. Also, an avid cyclist, albeit on a cruiser style bike with the comfiest padded seat. One ambition is to see whether our sweet but occasionally delinquent shelter dog Alley can be certified as an animal therapy companion.



Christine Thomas

Director, Legal, Subsidiary Investments
Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

Christine Thomas serves as Director, Subsidiary Investments (Legal & Governance) at the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). In that capacity she is responsible for the legal, governance and risk management programs for the subsidiaries of the CMA. Christine practices as in-house counsel and corporate secretary, focusing on corporate, commercial, securities law, not-for-profit, compliance, regulatory and governance issues facing the subsidiaries of the CMA.

Before moving to CMA, Christine worked as Assistant Vice-President, Legal and Governance at MD Financial Management Inc. and managed the legal and governance teams for the MD Group of Companies. Over the years at MD, she had the opportunity to work on a number of corporate reorganizations, registrations and, in 2018, the sale of MD to The Bank of Nova Scotia.

Christine has over 15 years of experience working in legal and governance in both private practice as well as a number of different industries including technology, financial services and not-for-profit. Christine enjoys the challenge of working as in-house counsel and the opportunity it affords to be embedded in the business she serves.

Christine also serves on the Executive Committee of the Ontario Chapter - Canadian Corporate Counsel Association and as a board member and Chair of the Governance & Nominating and Advocacy Committees for Governance Professionals of Canada. Committed to life-long learning, Christine attends and participates in a variety of education opportunities and has served as a panelist and speaker for a number of conferences and sessions on topics related to her areas of expertise.