

Alain Heyne

Partner

Alain Heyne is a partner at Lavery and a member of the firm's Business Law group.

He focuses his practice on commercial law, bank financing, commercial litigation and bankruptcy and insolvency. He also has expertise in professional liability and product liability.

As part of his multidisciplinary practice, Alain advises and represents a wide range of clients including financial institutions, companies, manufacturers, contractors and subcontractors based in Canada, the United States and Europe.

Alain is a trusted legal partner and business advisor involved in corporate organization and reorganization, and his clients entrust him with their most important transactions, including acquisitions, sales and mergers.

He is also called upon to advise and represent his clients on various aspects of their business activities and operations, including setting up various financing structures, establishing partnerships or strategic alliances and drafting various contracts.

Recognized by his clients for his strong business acumen, sense of practicality, availability and remarkable ability to communicate in layman's terms, Alain is able to offer them strategic and legal advice that is always adapted to their business situation.

He puts his ability to simplify complex legal concepts to good use in teaching, having taught securities law, corporate law and civil procedure at the Faculty of Law of the Université de Sherbrooke, and courses on prior claims, hypothecs and registration of rights at the École du Barreau du Québec. He has also taught in the Financial Planning Certificate program at the Université du Québec à Montréal.



Representative mandates

- Advised a Quebec manufacturing company on purchasing and acquiring stakes in Canadian, U.S. and Mexican companies, as well as implementing its corporate structure.
- Advised private companies on corporate and tax reorganizations.
- Drafted and negotiated letters of intent and agreements for the acquisition or sale of shares or assets, in particular in manufacturing and construction, and the professional services industry, which includes

accounting, engineering and medicine.

Represented a major financial institution in the negotiation of several financing transactions as part of business transfers or corporate reorganizations.

Represented notaries in professional liability claims.

Represented a manufacturing company in product liability claims.

Represented major financial institutions in various insolvency and restructuring cases to protect their interests.

Represented individuals and corporations in various shareholder disputes, including oppression actions.

Represented a major construction company and its affiliates in its restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

Advised a Quebec company and individuals in major expropriation proceedings in France.

Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in Canada in the field of Banking and Finance Law, since 2021



Education

University certification in corporate governance – Director, Collège des administrateurs de sociétés, 2022

LL.B, Université de Sherbrooke, 1994

Boards and Professional Affiliations

Member of the Board of Directors of the *Centre de recherche médicale de l'Université de Sherbrooke*, 2000–

Member of the Board of Directors of the CHUS Foundation, 2015–2020

Bâtonnier of The Bar of Saint-François, 2010–2011

Member of the Board of Directors of The Bar of Saint-François, 1999–2001

Member of the Board of Directors of the *Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke* (2005–2014)