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Biography

David Ward is a partner in the Restructuring & Insolvency and Commercial Litigation groups of Miller Thomson LLP. David has a litigation emphasis to his insolvency practice, with a focus on creditors' rights and remedies in reorganizations and liquidations under Canada's major insolvency and corporate statutes. Building on his extensive commercial litigation background, David has a significant experience advising a wide range of lenders and creditors on all aspects of commercial reorganizations in Canada. David's practice on the Ontario Superior Court of Justice's Commercial List is a significant component of his practice. Apart from insolvency matters, his expertise includes complex and time sensitive commercial disputes and other matters calling for quick court intervention, grants of interim and interlocutory relief, and ongoing case management. David was one of few outside experts invited to testify to the Senate Banking Trade and Commerce Committee in Ottawa on the reform of Canada's insolvency legislation.

Over the years, he has been involved in numerous domestic and cross-border insolvencies where he has advised a wide range of stakeholders including secured creditors, debtors, and court-appointed insolvency representatives. David's creditors' remedies practice encompasses a broad range of specialties including real estate fraud, solicitor's and appraiser's negligence claims, shareholders disputes, investor fraud and injunctions.

David is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto, teaching the International Insolvency Law segment of the University of Toronto's Global Professional Master of Laws Program. He is also a prolific author and presenter on a range of topics of current interest, from creditors' rights to bankruptcy reform.

Thought leadership

- Co-author, "Focus on Canada", Digitorney's Crisis Navigator, April 8, 2020

Professional memberships

- American Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- International Insolvency Institute
- Inter Pacific Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Turnaround Management Association (TMA)

Bar admissions & education

- Ontario Bar, 1992
- LL.M., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2004
- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1990
- B.A., Western University, 1987