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Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1989

Legal Assistant(s): [Wendy L. MacIsaac](#)

Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

An expert practicing in commodity tax and commodity tax litigation, Maurice maintains a robust practice supporting clients in lending institutions, government agencies, large service firms and large manufacturers. With more than 30 years of experience he counsels clients through the complex components related to commodity taxation, including goods and services tax, customs and provincial taxation.

Maurice is adept at advising clients who are often involved in complex, time-sensitive financing transactions. As a result, he is able to help his clients achieve their goals, while at the same time making a positive contributions to his clients and their businesses.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing

Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Corporate Formation/Reorganization

Mergers & Acquisitions

Tax

Education & Career

Education

Dalhousie University (BA, 1984)

Dalhousie University (LLB, MBA, 1988)

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, Canadian Tax Foundation

Associate Member, Canadian Progress Club

Member, Sales and Commodity Tax Subsection, Canadian Bar Association

Member, Insolvency Institute of Canada

Chair, Finance Committee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Participant, GST-HST Leaders' Forum, 2007 – present

Director, Halifax Comedy Festival Society, 2009 – present

Member, Canadian Insolvency Foundation, 2010 – present

Member, Steering Committee, Amendments to the Nova Scotia Companies Act, 2002 – 2008

Accolades

Best Lawyers 2023, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax

Best Lawyers 2021, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax

Who's Who Legal: Canada 2021, 2023 (Banking)

King's Counsel, 2008

Recipient, Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, 2016

Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance Law, 2008 – 2010, 2013 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, 2012 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Tax Law, 2011-2024

Lexpert/American Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada, 2008 & 2009

Lexpert rating: Asset Equipment Finance/ Leasing, 2012, 2014 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2011, 2013 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Commodity Tax/Customs, 2013 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2012 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, 2015 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Corporate Mid-Market, 2008 – 2010, 2013 – 2024

Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

Thought Leadership

Federal Court of Appeal confirms CRA deemed trust priority for unremitted HST – mortgage lenders beware

May 14, 2020

In-depth: economic response measures to COVID-19

April 06, 2020

Presentations

Presenter, *CRA Rules on Assignment of Real Estate Agreements*, GST Leaders' Forum

October 28, 2022

Presenter, *Application of GST/HST to Cross-Border Transactions – Do the Rules Work?*, GST Leaders' Forum

December 01, 2020

Presenter, *Inside or Outside – Review of Place of Supply Rules and Selected Export Issues*, CPA Canada Virtual Seminar

November 25, 2020

Presenter, *Deemed Trusts and The GST – Lessons for Secured Creditors*, Annual Review of Insolvency Law

February 07, 2020

Presenter, *Building Blocks*, GST/HST (Stewart McKelvey Tax School)

November 05, 2019

Presenter, *GST-HST Hot Topics*, 2018 Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference

Presenter, *Deemed Trusts and the HST – Lessons for Registrants and Secured Creditors*, CPA Commodity Tax Symposium

October 16, 2018

Presenter, *Dealing with CRA – Remedies and Enforcement: “So You Owe CRA Money...”*, GST Leaders' Forum 2015

April 28, 2015

Presenter, *Fair Market Value under the Excise Tax Act “What’s Fairness Got to Do with Anything?”*, 2011 CICA Commodity Tax Symposium

September 27, 2011