

## Maurice Chiasson, QC

### Partner

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Language(s) spoken: English, [French](#)

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1989

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

*Providing legal services through a professional corporation.*

Maurice works with lending institutions, government agencies, large service firms and large manufacturers on a wide variety of issues. His work has included:

- Representing the Province of Nova Scotia in relation to the bankruptcy/receivership of Trentonworks Limited and the sale of assets to DSME Trenton Ltd.
- Representing High Liner Foods Inc. in connection with syndicated financing with the Royal Bank of Canada.
- Representing the Province of Nova Scotia in connection with commercial agreements relating to the Yarmouth Ferry project
- Representing Royal Bank of Canada in connection with receiverships for a large Nova Scotia retailer and a Nova Scotia tourist establishment
- Representing Secunda Canada LP in connection with financing transactions with Bank of Montreal
- Representing Crombie REIT in relation to the acquisition of various commercial properties and the financing of a significant portion of the portfolio
- Providing commodity tax advice in relation to the acquisition by Sobeys of the assets of Canada Safeway
- Acted on several recent CCAA matters for Royal Bank of Canada, other lenders and creditors

## Practice Areas

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Banking & Financing

Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency

Cannabis

Commercial Transactions/Agreements  
Corporate Formation/Reorganization  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Tax  
Tax Dispute Resolution

## **Education & Career**

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### **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 2021 Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax  
Who’s Who Legal: Canada 2021 (Banking)  
Queen’s Counsel, 2008  
Recipient, Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers, 2016  
Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance Law, 2008 – 2010, 2013 – 2022  
Best Lawyers: Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, 2012 – 2022  
Best Lawyers: Tax Law, 2011-2022  
Lexpert/American Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada, 2008 & 2009  
Lexpert rating: Asset Equipment Finance/ Leasing, 2012, 2014 – 2022  
Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2011, 2013 – 2022  
Lexpert rating: Commodity Tax/Customs, 2013 – 2022  
Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2012 – 2022  
Lexpert rating: Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, 2015 – 2022  
Lexpert rating: Corporate Mid-Market, 2008 – 2010, 2013 – 2022  
Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

## Thought Leadership

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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

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

February 07, 2020

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

November 05, 2019

Co-presenter, *Key Issues to Consider when your Corporate Client is in Financial Distress*, Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia branch) Business Law Subsection with Peter Wedlake, Grant Thornton Limited

January 30, 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, *Recent Developments in Contractual Interpretation*, CLHIA 2015 Legal Section Annual Meeting

October 02, 2015

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

April 28, 2015

Presenter, *Personal Property Security Act – A Primer*

November 19, 2014

Co-presenter, *Secured Transactions: Your GSA May Not Cover Everything*, CBA session

November 14, 2014

Presenter, *Perfection of Security Interests (Key Issues)*, CPA New Brunswick

October 16, 2014

Presenter, *Crown Claims and Other Statutory Priority Claims*, CPA New Brunswick

October 16, 2014

Presenter, *Overview of Directors' Liability*, CPA New Brunswick

October 16, 2014

Presenter, *Personal Property Security Act – A Primer*

October 16, 2014

Presenter, *Top 10 Tips to Protect Your Business*, presented to Annapolis Valley Dental Society

November 21, 2013

Presenter, *Top 10 Ways to Safeguard Your Assets*, Burnside Business Series – Ramada Dartmouth

September 19, 2013

Presenter, *Stewart McKelvey Tax School*, Delta Barrington

September 13, 2013

Co-presenter, *Your Business, Your Legacy*, RBC Business Seminar Series

March 06, 2013

Co-presenter, *Asset Protection: Are the Family Jewels Really Safe?*, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners – Atlantic video conference

February 21, 2013

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