Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP RESTRUCTURING + LITIGATION

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Alexander is a lawyer with TGF, practicing in both restructuring and insolvency and commercial litigation. Alexander's flexibility and breadth of knowledge of these areas of law assist his clients in finding creative resolutions to complex disputes, whether inside or outside of the courtroom. Alexander regularly represents financial institutions and other creditors in complex insolvency proceedings, and as an active oral advocate, has appeared in the Ontario Superior Court and the Court of Appeal on various matters.

Prior to joining TGF, Alexander worked as an associate at a mid-sized Toronto law firm where he gained significant court experience, focused primarily on commercial litigation and the enforcement of creditors' rights. As a litigator, Alexander is known for his methodical yet flexible advocacy style. He is an authentic, committed counsel to clients, commended for his attentive approach in managing their challenging legal issues.

Alexander demonstrated community leadership during his legal training. In law school, Alexander volunteered with Downtown Legal Services, a pro bono legal clinic, and represented individuals facing criminal charges at the Ontario Court of Justice. Alexander also assisted pro bono counsel with appeals of summary conviction offenses.

Representative mandates

As an associate at TGF, Alexander has been part of a team representing clients in the following matters:

- + Represented several limited partners of the developer of the YSL Project, successfully opposing a *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* proposal and obtaining a finding that the general partner acted in breach of fiduciary duty.
- + Secured a \$20 million equitable mortgage for a private lender over a large development property.
- + Obtained the dismissal of an action against the Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology involving claims of negligence and negligent misrepresentation by former employees of the College's student union.

- + Represented several affiliated landlords in the King Street Company CCAA proceedings and the Guardian Financial CCAA proceedings.
- + Succeeded on appeal to the Divisional Court from a decision involving the interpretation of a contractual renewal provision.
- + Counsel to a major commercial landlord on cases involving the interpretation and enforcement of commercial real estate contracts.

Professional Involvement

Alexander is a member of:

- + Canadian Bar Association
- + Ontario Bar Association
- + The Advocates' Society
- + Turnaround Management Association

Recent professional appearances include:

+ Jun 14, 2022

Alexander Soutter is speaking at The Advocates' Society's education program webinar, Technology for Litigators, on June 14.

+ Mar 31, 2022

Alexander Soutter spoke on the CAIRP's webinar titled "Ontario Corporate Technical Update Part II".

Recognition

Alexander is recognized as a leading lawyer in:

+ The Best Lawyers in Canada® 2025 & 2024 (Insolvency & Financial Restructuring Law)

Publications

+ Dec 16, 2022

"Importance of Debtor's Good Faith in Proposal Proceeding" in National Insolvency Review, Vol 39, No 6.

+ Nov 07, 2022

The Court of Appeal confirms that not all covenants to insure impose an assumption of risk - Construction Law Letter November/December 2022

+ Feb 04, 2022

Court of Appeal says agreeing to insure doesn't always mean agreeing to assume risk

+ Oct 15, 2021

Litigation Lenders Beware of Potential Adverse Cost Awards

- + Jul 29, 2021 Good Faith a Paramount Concern in Insolvency Proceedings
- + Jul 05, 2021 COVID-19 Does Not Excuse a Failure to Pay Rent

Education

Bar Admissions

+ Ontario, 2017

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- + J.D. (University of Toronto), 2016
- + B.A. (Harvard University), 2011