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Education

LL.B., McGill University Faculty of Law,
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B.C.L., McGill University, 2016

B.A., University of Waterloo, 2012

Bar Admissions

Law Society of Ontario

New York

Foreign Legal Consultant of Canada

John Zelenbaba counsels U.S. and Canadian clients on U.S. corporate matters with a focus on cross-border capital markets, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance. Mr. Zelenbaba represents companies and investment banks across a number of industries, including technology, mining, life sciences, financial services, energy, oil and gas, real estate and telecommunications.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Zelenbaba has received multiple accolades, including being named one of *Law360*'s Rising Stars of 2026, one of *Best Lawyers*' Ones To Watch in America and one of *Lexpert*'s Rising Stars.

Examples of his representations include:

- the U.S. initial public offerings of:
 - AcuityAds
 - ATS Corporation
 - Boyd Group Services
 - Docebo
 - Duolingo
 - Gemini Space Station
 - Lightspeed Commerce
 - Score Media and Gaming
 - Shopify
 - Tricon Residential
- CI Financial in its:
 - take-private by Mubadala Capital
 - sale of a minority stake in Corient to a group of investors, including Bain Capital and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- Strathcona in its takeover bid for MEG Energy
- Waterous Energy Fund in its acquisition of a majority stake in Greenfire Resources
- CC Capital in its minority investment in The Westaim Corporation
- various growth equity financings, including by Kraken, StackAdapt and League
- Hut 8:
 - in its merger of equals with US Bitcoin Corp. and redomiciliation
 - in its strategic contribution of substantially all of its Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) miners to, and in exchange for, a majority interest in American Data Centers, Inc.
 - and American Bitcoin in American Bitcoin's merger with Gryphon Digital Mining, Inc. to become a publicly traded company
- Keel Infrastructure (f/k/a Bitfarms) in its:
 - acquisition of Stronghold Digital Mining
 - settlement agreement with shareholder Riot Platforms
 - private debt facility with Macquarie Group

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- Celestica in various corporate matters and its transition to domestic reporting in the United States
 - Pembina Pipeline's offering of subscription receipts to finance its acquisition of Enbridge's interests in the Alliance, Aux Sable and NRGreen joint ventures
 - Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. in its inaugural offering of green bonds
 - JAB Holding Company in its subsidiary's inaugural issuance of Maple bonds
 - WSP Global in its inaugural offering of U.S. bonds
 - various notes offerings by Brookfield, Canpotex, CI Financial, Nutrien and Rogers Communications (including the largest-ever securities offering by a Canadian company)
 - various securities offerings by public biotechnology companies, including Freeline Therapeutics Holdings PLC, Intercept Pharmaceuticals and Zymeworks (including the largest-ever follow-on equity offering by a Canadian biotechnology company)
 - various tender offers, including by Nutrien, Encana Corporation and Super.com
 - Sierra Wireless in its acquisition of Numerex
 - CRH Medical Corporation in its acquisition by Well Health Technologies
 - Array BioPharma in its acquisition by Pfizer Inc.
 - various securities offerings by Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust, RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust and Go Residential REIT
 - Northview Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust in its acquisition by affiliates of Starlight Group Property Holdings and KingSett Capital
 - Sprott and its affiliates in the acquisitions of Central Fund of Canada Limited, Tocqueville Asset Management LP and Uranium Participation Corporation
 - Greenhill & Co., Inc., in its role as financial advisor to Hycroft Mining Corporation, on the sale of substantially all of its assets to Mudrick Capital Acquisition Corporation
 - Leagold Mining in its acquisition of Brio Gold and subsequent acquisition by Equinox Gold Corp
 - various securities offerings by public mining companies, including Cameco, First Quantum Minerals, Integra Resources, Lithium Americas, MAG Silver, Tahoe Resources and Platinum Group Metals
- Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Zelenbaba served as a law clerk to Justice Suzanne Côté of the Supreme Court of Canada.