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Education

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

B.C.L., McGill University, 2016

B.A., University of Waterloo, 2012

Bar Admissions

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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 has worked on a broad range of transactions for investment banks and companies across a number of industries, including technology, mining, life sciences, financial services, energy, oil and gas, real estate and telecommunications.

Examples of his representations include:

- the U.S. initial public offerings of **AcuityAds**, **ATS Corporation**, **Docebo**, **Duolingo**, **Lightspeed Commerce**, **Score Media and Gaming**, **Shopify** (the best-performing IPO of the last decade) and **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
- **StackAdapt** in its Series C funding round led by Teachers' Venture Growth
- **CC Capital** in its minority investment in The Westaim Corporation
- **Waterous Energy Fund** in its acquisition of a majority stake in Greenfire Resources
- **Hut 8** in its:
 - merger of equals with US Bitcoin Corp.
 - business combination with American Data Centers
- **Bitfarms** in its:
 - acquisition of Stronghold Digital Mining
 - settlement agreement with shareholder Riot Platforms
- **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
- various notes offerings by **Brookfield Asset Management**, **CI Financial**, **Nutrien** and **Rogers Communications** (including the largest-ever securities offering by a Canadian company)
- various securities offerings by **Freeline Therapeutics Holdings PLC**, **Intercept Pharmaceuticals** and **Zymeworks** (including the largest-ever follow-on equity offering by a Canadian biotechnology company)
- U.S. tender offers conducted by **Nutrien** and **Encana Corporation**
- **Sierra Wireless** in its acquisition of Numerex
- **CRH Medical Corporation** in its acquisition by Well Health Technologies

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- **Array BioPharma** in its acquisition by Pfizer Inc.
 - various securities offerings by **Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust** and **RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust**
 - **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 **Cameco, 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.