

# GRAHAM C. PORTER

## Business Law

PARTNER

*"In my 25 years at Lerner's, my clients have trusted me to help them through many hard business decisions: start ups, expansions, acquisitions and sales. I value my client relationships, and want to continue to provide value added service so my clients can attain their goals."*

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### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Managing Partner, Lerner's LLP London office (September 2015-present)
- ◆ Chair, Executive Committee, Lerner's LLP (September 2015-present)
- ◆ Executive Committee, Lerner's LLP (2012-September 2015)
- ◆ Chief Privacy Officer, Lerner's LLP (2004)
- ◆ Practice Group Leader, Business Law Group, Lerner's LLP (2005-2011)
- ◆ Partner, Lerner's LLP (1998-present)
- ◆ Associate lawyer, Lerner's LLP (1991-1997)

### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- ◆ Advised operating and sub-ordinate lender on \$50,000,000 financing of Canadian business of international auto parts manufacturer
- ◆ Acted for vendors in \$12,000,000 sale of multi-location distribution business
- ◆ Acted for health care professional in acquisition of \$1,800,000 purchase of practice and lease of building
- ◆ Acted for a bank in providing \$4,500,000 financing for acquisition of manufacturing facility
- ◆ Acted for a bank in establishing \$15,000,000 operating and \$8,000,000 term loan facilities for a health care facility
- ◆ Advised family owned contracting/distribution business on estate planning, trusts, and succession transfer
- ◆ Advised business owner on \$5,000,000 corporate reorganization in preparation for succession

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- ◆ Advised health professional in sale of \$1,500,000 practice
- ◆ Acted for multi-national purchaser in \$1,800,000 acquisition of travel agency in Canada
- ◆ Developed corporate policies including privacy and competition policies

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Canada (2021)
- ◆ Lawyer of the Year Corporate Law London/Windsor, The Best Lawyers in Canada (2021)
- ◆ Past Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Health Care Centre, London
- ◆ Past President, London Chamber of Commerce, (2001-2002)
- ◆ Past President, Kinwell Place Non-Profit Housing Corporation
- ◆ Past President, Youth Opportunities Unlimited
- ◆ Past Chair and Director, Lawson Health Research Institute
- ◆ Past Trustee, Middlesex Law Association, (1998-2000)
- ◆ Past Director, TechAlliance London
- ◆ Past Council Member, Ontario Bar Association
- ◆ Past Director, London Enterprise Development Corporation
- ◆ Past Director, Homes Unlimited
- ◆ Past Secretary, London Venture Group Inc.
- ◆ City of London Task Force on Governance (1996)
- ◆ Instructor, Corporate Law Course The Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario
- ◆ Speaker, Canadian Bar Association Course "Excelling at Articles"

## MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Canadian Bar Association - Tax Law Section and Business Law Section
- ◆ Canadian Bar Association - Ontario Council
- ◆ Middlesex Law Association

## EDUCATION

- ◆ Admitted to Ontario Bar (1991)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws, The University of Western Ontario (1989)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts, The University of Western Ontario (1986)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Golf, running

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