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Expertise

- Hospitality
- Banking & Specialty Finance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity

Biography

Jason Arbuck* is the Chair of the Banking & Specialty Finance Group and Co-Chair of the Hospitality Group at Cassels. Jason's practice is devoted to commercial and asset-based lending transactions, banking and securitization transactions, factoring and fintech related legal work, hotel financing and acquisition transactions, and real estate development projects. A large portion of his practice is focussed on cross-border transactions. He has significant experience in drafting and negotiating loan and credit agreements, receivables purchase agreements, hotel purchase agreements, and hotel management agreements.

Jason's representative work includes having acted for:

- The ownership group in acquisition and sale of the Thompson Hotel Toronto
- Global Resource Fund, as senior secured lender to Jaguar Mining Inc., in proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the conversion of \$268 million unsecured bond debt to equity
- Columbia Pacific Advisors in the acquisition of a portfolio of retirement homes
- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ in the securitization of a \$500 million portfolio of automobile receivables
- Solutions 2 GO Inc. in arranging its \$175 million syndicated asset-based lending facility with Bank of America, N.A.

Jason has appeared on BNN's SqueezePlay, speaks regularly at industry events, and has guest lectured at the Schulich School of Business. He has also lectured at many continuing education seminars, including Ontario Bar Association seminars and US-based continuing legal education seminars.

Jason sits on the board of directors and the executive of the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys, Secured Finance Network Canada or SFNet (formerly the Commercial Finance Association), the board of directors of the JD/MBA Alumni Association for Osgoode Hall Law School and the Schulich School of Business, the board of directors of Integrated Services for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ISAND) and the board of directors of the Osgoode Hall Alumni Association. He is also an active member of the Toronto Opinions Group (TOROG) and the Personal Property Security Legislation subcommittee of the Ontario Bar Association (PPSL).

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Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Banking and Finance Law, Asset-Based Lending)
- *Chambers Canada* (Hospitality)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Asset Equipment Finance/Leasing, Asset-Based Lending)
- *Legal 500 Canada* (Banking & Finance)

Client Commentary

- "A really good lawyer who has extensive experience in the acquisition and

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- financing of hospitality sector assets.” – *Chambers Canada (Hospitality)*
- “A prominent figure in the hospitality space.” – *Chambers Canada (Hospitality)*
- “What makes him stand out is his out-of-the-box expertise. He works alongside international hotel clients to help them figure out how they’ll transact in Canada. He’s really good on the regulations as well as the transactions.” – *Chambers Canada (Hospitality)*

Recent Representative Work

- TMAC to be Acquired by SD Gold for US\$149 Million
- On Deck Canada Enters into \$75 Million Revolving Credit Facility with Bank of Montreal
- Ironbridge Equity Partners Completes Acquisition of MBRP
- McEwen Mining Closes US\$50 Million Facility with Royal Capital Management for the Construction of the Gold Bar Mine
- Valvoline Completes Acquisition of Great Canadian Oil Change

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B./MBA, Osgoode Hall/Schulich School of Business, 1997
- B.Sc. (Mathematics and Statistics), Western University, 1993
- Ontario, 1999

Associations

- American Bar Association
- Association for Commercial Finance Attorneys, Director
- Canadian Bar Association
- Commercial Finance Association, Vice President and Board Member, Canadian Chapter
- Ontario Bar Association, Personal Property Security Legislation Subcommittee
- Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association
- Toronto Opinions Group (TOROG)