

# Cassels



## Patience Omokhodion

Partner

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### Expertise

- Banking & Specialty Finance
- Mining
- Infrastructure

## Biography

Patience Kalu Omokhodion is a partner in the Banking & Specialty Finance Group at Cassels. Patience works on all types of secured and unsecured lending transactions, including cross-border transactions, project financings, public-private partnership transactions and joint venture. She represents both lenders and borrowers.

Patience's representative work includes acting for:

- New Gold Inc. with the refinancing of its \$400 million senior secured credit facilities
- Banro Corporation in connection with its cross-border restructuring
- Goldcorp Inc. in its \$2 billion senior credit facility
- Torex Gold Resources Inc. in its \$375 million project financing facility
- Lithium Americas Corp. in its \$355 million financing regarding an Argentinean mining project

Patience has experience working with clients on the incorporation, organization and financing of companies; in particular, in relation to the financing of energy, infrastructure and mining projects as well as aviation and vessel financings. Patience's practice has included acting for clients in various industries, including mining, energy, utilities and construction and her practice is both national and international, involving various jurisdictions including England and Wales, the US, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Belgium, Mexico, Barbados and the Cayman Islands.

Patience has written and spoken on various topics in international financing transactions, project finance, and aviation finance. Patience regularly speaks on topics related to banking & finance, as well as at mentoring events. Patience is a contributing author to legal texts. Her publications include the aviation finance chapter in *Equipment Financing in Canada* published by Lexis Nexis and the chapters in *Project Finance in Canada* published by Carswell, where she authored sections and chapters relating to project finance considerations for transaction structures, professional sports, entertainment facilities, and the broadcast industry (including the film and game industry). She has qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales and has been called to the bar in Ontario. Before joining Cassels, Patience practised at a multi-national law firm in London, England.

## Achievements

- *Acritas Star*, Independently Rated Lawyers
- *Canadian Legal Expert Directory* (Banking & Financial Institutions | "Up & Coming") (2019)
- *Expert*, Rising Star Award (2018)

## Recent Representative Work

- Lithium Americas and Ganfeng Lithium Complete the Caucharí-Olaroz JV Transaction
- Tidal Royalty Corp. Completes Business Combination with Michicann Medical Inc.
- Alexco Resource Completes Sale of its Subsidiary Environmental Business
- Visage Cosmetics Limited Completes Share Sale to Equicapita Income

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- Trust and Equicapita Investment Corp.
- o Stonebriar Commercial Finance Closes US\$650 Million Asset-Backed Securitization Transaction

## Insights

- o Interest Rates Watch: LIBOR Transition – A Limited Legislative Solution
- o Interest Rates Watch: LIBOR Transition – Occurrence of Benchmark Transition Event – Now What?
- o Implications of Negative Interest Rates

## Pro Bono & Community Involvement

- o Works with charities in Canada, Africa, and South America in order to improve access to justice and community legal education and is involved in various other community activities and organizations
- o Keen mentor of those seeking to develop financial and/or legal careers
- o Cassels Womens Practice Development Committee, Member
- o Cassels Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, Member
- o Black Female Lawyers Network – Director, Member and Chair of the Events Committee

## Education / Bar Admissions

- o Legal Practice Course, Nottingham Law School, 2005
- o LL.B., University of Warwick, 2004
- o England and Wales, 2008
- o Ontario, 2014

## Associations

- o American Bar Association
- o Black Female Lawyers Network – Director, Member and Chair of the Events Committee
- o Canadian Bar Association
- o Law Society of England and Wales
- o Ontario Bar Association