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Biography

Sebastian (Zijie) Zhou (he/him/his) is an Associate in the Banking & Specialty Finance Group at Cassels. He earned his J.D. from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, where he was actively involved in access-to-justice initiatives. His experience includes representing clients in workers' compensation matters at Advocates for Injured Workers, supporting transgender individuals through The 519 Trans ID Clinic, and leading outreach efforts at Artists' Legal Advice Services. Before joining Cassels as an associate, Sebastian summered and articulated with the firm.

Prior to law school, he completed a B.A. at Sarah Lawrence College with a focus on contemporary art history and curatorial studies, including an exchange year at the University of Oxford. He also held roles in public relations and marketing operations in Shanghai's biopharmaceutical and design sectors.

Outside of work, Sebastian enjoys exploring new fitness classes and taking long walks with his Shih Tzu.

Recent Representative Work

- Astatine Acquires McKeil

Insights

- No Hire? No Problem! British Columbia Court of Appeal Further Rejects Franchise-Related 'No Poaching' Class Action Against Tim Hortons
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Education / Bar Admissions

- J.D. University of Toronto
- Ontario, 2025