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Expertise

- Securities
- Cannabis
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mining
- Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)
- Capital Markets
- U.S. Cross-Border

Biography

Alexander (Alex) Pizale* (he/him/his) is a partner in the Capital Markets Group at Cassels, and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Group. Alex practices corporate and securities law with a focus on mining law and related commercial transactions, including expertise with streaming, option and joint venture arrangements. He also has extensive experience in advising issuers with respect to National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*. In addition to mining, he represents clients in a wide variety of industries, including real estate, cannabis, technology, blockchain and cryptocurrency. He acts as counsel to clients at all stages, from private startups to large cap public companies and investment banks in a wide range of domestic and cross-border transactions, including business combinations, take-over bids, corporate finance and stock exchange listings. He also advises issuers with respect to general corporate and securities law matters, including commercial agreements, continuous disclosure (including ESG), compensation plans, corporate governance, and stock exchange-related matters. For this work, Alex is recognized as a leader in his field by *Lexpert*.

Select merger and acquisition transactions include acting for:

- Yamana Gold Inc. in its US$1 billion sale of its Chapada mine to Lundin Mining Corp.
- Lundin Mining Corporation in its US$1.8 billion acquisition of the Candelaria Mining complex; and its $648 million gold and silver stream transaction with Franco-Nevada Corporation
- Hecla Mining Company in its $796 million acquisition of Aurizon Mines Ltd.
- Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. in its US$500 million acquisition of a gold and palladium stream from Sibanye Gold Limited's Stillwater mining complex in Montana; its new precious metals purchase agreement with First Majestic Silver Corp. on the San Dimas mine following the completion of the plan of arrangement whereby First Majestic acquired Primero Mining Corp.; and its US$390 million acquisition of a cobalt stream from Vale S.A.'s Voisey's Bay mine
- Yamana Gold Inc. in its metal purchase agreements with Sandstorm Gold Ltd. providing for an advance payment of $148

million; and its copper purchase agreements with Altius Minerals Corporation providing for an advance payment of $60 million

**Services provided through a Professional Corporation*

Achievements

- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Corporate Finance & Securities | Mining)
- *Chambers Canada* (Mining)
- *Chambers Global* (Mining)
- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Energy and Mining

Client Commentary

- “Alexander is an amazing lawyer with respect to mining law who understands the nuances on the technical side and is very dedicated and competent.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining)*
- “Alexander has an incredible wealth of knowledge. He’s able to work collaboratively with opposing counsel to get to the desired outcome for the client.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining: International & Cross-Border)*
- “He is always willing to jump on at any time and keeps customer service at a high level.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining: International & Cross-Border)*
- “Alex is an excellent lawyer who clearly understands the business reality and stresses of his clients.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining)*
- “He is easy to work with, responsive and technically skilled in capital markets transaction.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining)*
- “Alex is a very responsive counsel and brings great ideas to the various challenges we face.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining)*

Recent Representative Work

- Rocky Shore Completes Springdale Property Acquisition and Initial Handcamp Option Payment
- Lithium Ionic Completes US$37.5 Million Sale of Salinas Lithium Properties
- Lithium Americas Announces US$175 Million Subordinate Convertible Debenture Financing
- Clinch Resources Completes Debt Settlement
- Rocky Shore Acquires Additional Key Mining Claims

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Insights

- National Instrument 43-101: The Requirement to Disclose Complete and Transparent Exploration Results
- National Instrument 43-101: The Effect of an Updated Mineral Resource Estimate on a Preliminary Economic Assessment
- National Instrument 43-101: Implications of Non-GAAP Measures under National Instrument 52-112

Education / Bar Admissions

- J.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2006
- H.B.B.A., Wilfrid Laurier University, 2003

- Ontario, 2007

Associations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association

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