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Elisabeth is a co-managing partner of the firm and is the head of the firm's Corporate Commercial Department. Fluently bilingual in English and in French, Elisabeth received her honours B.A. in Political Science from McGill University, and received her law degree from Universite de Montreal in 1989. Elisabeth is a member of the Ontario and Quebec bars.

Elisabeth has held both private practice and in-house positions in Canada and abroad, and has extensive experience in a wide range of business law matters, including general corporate and commercial, franchising, intellectual property, insurance and reinsurance, leasing, media and production financing, and trademarks. She was general counsel for a venture capital firm, held the position of Vice-President, Legal Affairs for an international franchise company and acted as in-house legal counsel for all companies acquired by the firm. Immediately prior to joining DSF, Elisabeth was legal counsel for a global reinsurance company. In that capacity she attended to all corporate matters including corporate governance and compliance in numerous jurisdictions, and was involved in risk assessment and risk management.

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Elisabeth is Co-Chair of the Professional Advisory Committee of Baycrest and is on the Business Advisory Committee of Baycrest's The Kimel Family Centre for Brain Health & Wellness; is on the Board of Directors of Alpaca Ontario; is on the Advisory Board of Hercules Dynamics Inc. and is a past member of the One Life Gala Committee in support of the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

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