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Since 1964, Devry Smith Frank *LLP* has been a trusted advisor and advocate for corporations, individuals and small businesses. These enduring relationships form the cornerstone on which the firm is built. We have grown in recent years and are now a group of 43 lawyers, 5 licensed paralegals, 28 law clerks and 22 administrative staff.

We have expertise in most areas of corporate and personal law. We pride ourselves on providing approachable, professional and affordable client-tailored service. We work as a team to provide you with expertise and resources required to achieve the best possible legal result.

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Settlement negotiation and structuring
- Mediations
- Arbitrations

### Bankruptcy and Insolvency

- Acting for secured and unsecured creditors and debtors
- Acting for and advising trustees and receivers
- Bankruptcy and receivership
- Insolvency and workouts
- Security enforcement and recovery
- Priority issues

### Commercial and Civil Litigation

- Shareholder and partnership disputes
- Real property and title insurance litigation
- Commercial landlord and tenant litigation
- Residential landlord and tenant litigation
- Estate litigation
- Mortgage enforcement
- Secured transaction recovery
- Priority disputes among secured creditors
- Repossessions
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Employment and wrongful dismissal

- Contractual disputes
- Construction litigation
- Construction lien claims
- Injunctions and equitable relief
- Insurance litigation
- Motor vehicle litigation
- Personal injury claims
- Products' liability
- Negligence actions
- Libel and slander actions

### **Corporate and Commercial**

- Incorporation and organization
- Amalgamations and dissolutions
- Commercial leasing
- Business acquisitions and dispositions
- Commercial agreements
- Construction contracts
- Condominium documentation
- Employment agreements
- Partnerships and joint ventures
- Distributorship arrangements
- Regulatory compliance
- Shareholders' rights
- Corporate recordkeeping
- Trademark registration and disputes

### **Criminal Law**

- Criminal
- Quasi-criminal
- Regulatory

### **Entertainment Media and Sports Law**

- Rights acquisition
- Rights management
- Negotiating and drafting agreements

### **Estate Planning and Administration**

- Will and estate planning and preparation
- Mental incompetency and guardianship
- Tax planning trusts
- Interpretation of wills and trusts
- Powers of attorney
- Estate litigation

## Family Law

- Simple Divorce
- Separation Agreements
- Marriage Contracts
- Cohabitation Agreements
- Child and Spousal Support
- Custody and Access
- Property Division
- Structuring business in light of Family Law issues
- Adoptions
- Child Protection (Children's Aid Society proceedings)
- Collaborative Law and Collaborative Practice
- Family Mediation and Family Arbitration
- Family Court Proceedings

## Financial Services

- Bank and institutional lending
- Debentures, mortgages and other security arrangements
- Commercial credit
- Debt restructuring
- Secured transactions
- Leasing
- Residential and commercial mortgage enforcement
- Debt collection
- Repossessions

## Insurance

- Representation of property, casualty and life and disability insurers
- Motor vehicle liability
  - Third party liability
  - Accident benefits
  - Uninsured and unidentified Underinsured coverage (OPCF44R – Family Protection Endorsement)
- Products' liability
- Occupier's liability
- Commercial general liability
- Representation at all levels of trial and appellate courts and at the Financial Services Commission of Ontario
- Representation at private mediations and arbitrations

## Intellectual Property

- Trademarks
- Copyright
- Patents

## Personal Injury Claims

- Motor vehicle accidents
- Accident benefits claims
- Slip and fall accidents
- Dog bites
- Disability claims
- Uninsured motorist claims

## Real Estate

- Planning and development
- Subdivisions and condominiums
- Title review and opinions
- Purchases, sales, financing of residential, commercial, industrial, investment and recreational properties and leasing

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