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Bill joined Gardiner Roberts as a partner in February of 2005 after operating his own boutique securities law firm for twelve (12) years. Bill is the Practice Leader of the Securities Law Group at Gardiner Roberts and has developed a wide range of expertise including:

- Prospectus Offerings including Capital Pool Offerings
- Advising on and preparing stock exchange listings
- Mergers and Acquisitions of both public and private companies, reverse take-over transactions, formal and exempt take-over bids, going-private transactions, amalgamations and arrangements
- Advising public companies on corporate governance compliance
- Advising clients on continuous disclosure obligations
- Representing clients in all aspects of public offerings including rights offerings, equity and debt financings, private placements and limited partnership offerings
- Advising on compliance with the Securities Act and other relevant provincial securities legislation
- Obtaining regulatory approvals
- Advising clients on Mining law including the acquisition, option and joint venturing of resource properties, disclosure obligations under National Instrument 43-101 and flow-through financings

Bill was a member of the Ontario Securities Commission's Small Business Advisory Committee (SBAC) from July of 2002 until January of 2005. The SBAC was established to advise on securities regulatory issues facing small and medium-sized businesses in Ontario. He is also a director of the Canadian Listed Company Association. The association provides a forum for education and communication on regulatory issues to the companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

AREAS OF PRACTICE AND INDUSTRY SPECIALTY

- **Securities Law** – Public Offerings and Private Placements
- **Business Practices** – Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate Commercial Transactions and Corporate Governance

EDUCATION

- Called to the Ontario Bar 1984
- Osgoode Hall Law School LL.B. 1982

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Institute of Corporate Directors