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Directors' Duties in Canada: 2009 Key Challenges and How to Meet Them



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Barry J. Reiter - Partner, Bennett Jones LLP

Barry Reiter's practice focuses on corporate finance, development and governance. Barry advises boards, directors and management on governance issues. He is an experienced director and has chaired boards and a variety of board committees. Current board roles include: Avotus Corporation, HKMB HUB International (Advisory Board), MOSAID Technologies Incorporated, Pharos Life Corporation, Craig Wireless Systems Ltd. and Spatial View Inc. He is also a member of the ICD Blue Ribbon Commission on the Governance of

Executive Compensation in Canada.

Formerly a law professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (1974-1982), Barry has published books and articles on contracts, corporate governance, advisory boards, joint ventures, real estate and the legal process. His most recent book, *Directors' Duties in Canada, 3rd Edition*, was published by CCH Canadian Limited in 2006 and the 4th edition will be published in June, 2009. Barry writes a monthly column on corporate governance for *Lexpert* magazine.



Robert M. Fabes - Counsel, Bennett Jones LLP

Robert Fabes' practice focuses on corporate/commercial matters, corporate governance and director protection matters for clients in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Robert has advised clients on private and public financings, governance processes, director and officer indemnification and insurance, shareholder arrangements, compensation arrangements, purchase and sale agreements and corporate reorganizations.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones, Robert was Senior Vice President, Listings, at Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) where he was responsible for business development, client relationships and all requirements applicable to listed companies, including corporate governance disclosure guidelines.

Previously, Robert was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at GT Group Telecom, responsible for the strategic development, negotiation, execution and implementation of GT's legal and regulatory matters, GT's insurance portfolio and risk management.



Melanie Baird - Associate, Bennett Jones LLP

Melanie Baird's diverse practice involves work with the technology, media and entertainment group; the intellectual property group; and the corporate governance and director protection group. Melanie regularly advises boards, directors and management on governance and director protection issues and has worked with a number of special committees.

Melanie was actively involved in the development of both the 3rd and 4th editions of *Directors' Duties in Canada*. Melanie joined Bennett Jones as an associate after first summering and articling with the firm.



Melissa Robins - Associate, Bennett Jones LLP

Melissa Robins has a general corporate commercial law practice and is a member of the corporate governance and director protection group and the technology media and entertainment group. Melissa joined Bennett Jones as an associate after summering and then articling with the firm.

She has advised boards, directors and management on various governance issues and was an active participant in the preparation and development of both the 3rd and 4th editions of *Directors' Duties in Canada*.

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