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Main Bio

Lowell Thomas brings 30 years of corporate and securities law experience to Snell & Wilmer. He serves as lead counsel for equity and debt financings, mergers, acquisitions and other restructuring transactions across a broad range of industries for public and private corporations. Lowell's practice is focused in the mid-market and he has an outstanding reputation for devotion to his clients and getting transactions past the finish line. Lowell represents clients in both high-tech and brick and mortar businesses ranging from medical and healthcare products and service providers to private and public energy and natural resource companies. Lowell provides cross-border business and securities advice to U.S. and Canadian businesses. Lowell frequently advises companies in the formation and growth stages, as well as corporate boards on governance matters. Having practiced law in Canada for the first half of his career, Lowell has extensive connections in business, the capital markets and government on both sides of the border.

Representative Transactions

Representative Transactions (Public Companies)

- Represented sellers in sale of financial services business to NYSE listed Fortune 100 company
- Represented sellers of medical products division to NYSE-listed company
- Represented NYSE-listed public company in acquisition of manufacturer of electronic components with operations in the United States and Mexico
- Represented public companies in natural resource joint ventures in Canada, United States, Mexico and China

Representative Transactions (Canada Focus)

- Advise Canadian TSX natural resource issuers in acquisitions and financings in the U.S.
- Advise Canadian TSX issuers on U.S. securities issues in connection with mergers, spinoffs and statutory arrangements
- Advise Canadian private companies on U.S. acquisitions and securities issues

International Transactions (By Industry)

- Represented sellers of solar projects to private equity groups
- Represented sellers of medical products business to venture backed acquirers
- Represented sellers of beverage distribution business to strategic purchasers
- Represented buyers of multiple professional practices

Emerging Business and Venture Capital Services

- Representation of angel, venture capital and private equity organizations investing in U.S. and Canadian companies with investments ranging from \$500,000 to \$20,000,000
- Representation in the formation and capitalization of emerging businesses as well as acting as outside general counsel to corporations in biotechnology, analytics, solar, logistics, software, Internet applications, aerospace, environmental and financial services sectors

Education

- University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (LL.B., cum laude, 1989)
- University of Victoria (B.A., 1986)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Canada-Arizona Business Council, Director
- University of Arizona
 - Karl Eller Center Entrepreneurship Program, Past Adjunct Professor
 - Professional Master's Degree Program in Applied Science, Past Advisory Board Member
- Greater Tucson Economic Council, Past Board Member
- Arizona Governor's CANAMEX Task Force, Past Board Member

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Blue Pencils Down: The Recent Delaware Non-Compete Case Trifecta](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (May 11, 2023)
- "[2020 Best Lawyers](#)," Media Mention, Tucson Lifestyle Magazine (July 2020)
- "Succession and Exit Planning Concepts," Co-Presenter, Arizona Technology Council CEO Network (May 14, 2020)
- "[SB1447 Reciprocal Foreign Country Money Judgements - What This Means for Relations Between Arizona and Alberta, Canada](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Global Connection Newsletter (February 18, 2020)
- "Business Basics: Building the Foundation for your New Business," Moderator, Snell & Wilmer Seminar (November 6, 2019)
- Lowell has written articles and provided commentaries in the print, radio and television medias in Canada and the United States about law and business trends.
- Frequent speaker to various business groups on business law and entrepreneurial topics.
- "Mergers and Acquisitions in Arizona: The Art of Doing Deals," National Business Institute
- "Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships in Arizona," National Business Institute

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Corporate Law (2014-2023), Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2023)
 - "Lawyer of the Year," Corporate Law (2022-2023)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers

- “AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5.0” legal ability rating from Martindale-Hubbell (2008-2023)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona