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David has extensive experience advising clients on taxation matters in corporate reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions and cross-border transactions. David helps clients with complex matters relating to estate and family business succession planning, including wills, trusts, restructuring estates to minimize tax liability and dividing business assets amongst family members and owners in the most tax efficient manner.

David's friendly nature, exceptional communication skills and practical business knowledge enable him to simplify complicated issues for his clients in order to guide them through the planning process. In addition to advising his clients on a variety of business and personal tax planning matters, David often represents his clients in their dealings with federal and provincial taxation authorities.

Keeping up-to-date on the latest tax laws and government policies, David works closely with clients to minimize tax and commercial risks while maximizing wealth and helping them achieve their financial and family goals. David's clients include high net worth individuals, closely held businesses, estates and registered charities. His experience in working with these stakeholders across a broad range of situations and businesses enables David to bring a wide knowledge base and diverse skill-set to the table.

Outside of the practice of law, David is actively involved with several charitable organizations. David sits on the Board of Governors of the North York General Hospital Foundation. As captain of Team Robins Appleby in the Baycrest Hockey Pro Am, he helped the team raise approximately \$900,000 for Alzheimer's research at Baycrest.

In addition to hockey, David enjoys tennis, skiing and any other sport that his two boys want to play.

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Queen's University, J.D., 1995

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Admitted to the Ontario Bar,  
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## Memberships

- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Tax Foundation

## Community Involvement

- North York General Hospital Foundation, Member of the Board of Governors, Corporate Secretary (2013 – Present)
- Hillel of Greater Toronto, Member of the Board of Directors (2013 – 2015)
- Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, member of the Professional Advisory Committee
- UJA, past chair of Young Lawyers and Accountants Division
- UJA, past chair of Partner Circle