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EDUCATION

University of Alberta, BSc (Pharmacology Specialization), 1999

University of Alberta, PhD (Pharmaceutical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering), 2004

University of Calgary, LLB, 2007

Stanford University (USA), LLM (Law, Science and Technology), 2009

Certified Information Privacy Professional/Canada (CIPP/C)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alberta, 2008

British Columbia, 2014

Sébastien Gittens understands the need to provide legal advice in a timely, efficient and pragmatic way. This businesslike philosophy is backed by the first joint Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering awarded by the University of Alberta and a Master's degree in law from Stanford University.

Sébastien is a technology lawyer and registered trademark agent who advises clients both domestically and internationally on all matters relating to the management and commercialization of intellectual property. His extensive experience includes: (i) negotiating IP aspects of major mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures; (ii) licensing IP rights; (iii) creating strategic alliances and joint ventures; and (iv) advising on outsourcing arrangements.

In addition, Sébastien is a Certified Information Privacy Professional for Canada (CIPP/C) who regularly advises on privacy, data protection and information security, including risk identification and management, as well as incident preparedness and response.

He works with clients in a broad range of industries, such as automotive, aviation, energy, biotechnology, entertainment, pharmaceutical and information technology.

"He is very detail-oriented and focused on understanding the client's goals and then trying to dovetail the paper to meet those goals as best as possible. He is very technically skilled and client service-focused."

In university, Sébastien earned numerous scholarships and awards, including the John Hart Ely Prize for Outstanding Performance in Law, Science and Technology Colloquium, the Talisman Energy Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship in Law, and the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship.

Sébastien is currently a director of UNICEF Canada as well as the Opportunity Calgary Investment Fund (OCIF). He was also a director of the Westmount Charter School Society and the Calgary International Film Festival Society, and served as the vice-chair of the Calgary Parking Authority.