

Miller Canfield Expands in Toronto, Merges with Gaertner Tobin LLP

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The law firm of Miller Canfield announced today that it is expanding its Toronto practice with the merger of Toronto-based Gaertner Tobin LLP. The merger will expand Miller Canfield's client service capabilities in Canada and builds on its global footprint. With more than 370 lawyers worldwide in offices in the United States, Canada, Poland and China, Miller Canfield offers its increasingly global clients a broad array of integrated legal and business services.

Gaertner Tobin is a 10-lawyer law firm with primary areas of practice in business law, commercial and retail leasing, real estate, litigation, immigration and labour law. Joining Miller Canfield as Principals are Arie Gaertner and Dennis Tobin. Peter Hand and Peter Math will join as Senior Counsel. Also joining the firm are lawyers Bruce Baron, Alex Kolandjian, Jerry Kreindler, Julia Lee, Alexander Torgov, and Andrew Zinman.

"Our strategic growth in Toronto will allow us to provide seamless legal representation to clients with operations or doing business throughout North America," said Michael W. Hartmann, CEO of Miller Canfield. "The experienced lawyers from Gaertner Tobin will help Miller Canfield's global clients with mounting financial, insolvency, litigation and corporate transaction needs in Toronto, while expanding the scope of legal services available in the U.S., E.U. and China to our Canadian business clients."

Miller Canfield's expanded Canadian Group will continue to serve clients in a number of sectors, including banking and finance, life sciences, bankruptcy and insolvency, intellectual property and automotive and non-automotive manufacturing, and will expand the firm's services in commercial litigation, labour and employment, real estate, immigration, and corporate and securities, including retail leasing, cross-border mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and foreign direct investment.

The partners of Gaertner Tobin felt from the beginning that Miller Canfield was a perfect fit. "We have been committed to providing our local and international clients with local knowledge and representation in an interconnected business world," said Dennis Tobin, one of the founding partners of Gaertner Tobin. "The merger is compelling for our clients and the people who work at our firm. It will make it easier for us to provide clients with the local, national and international services they need using the excellent capabilities and opportunities available through Miller Canfield."

Miller Canfield will occupy the existing Gaertner Tobin offices located on the historic site of the Bishop's Palace in the heart of downtown Toronto. The Toronto coordinates are:

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The merger is expected to close on March 31, 2009.

Miller Canfield offers businesses, governments, nonprofits, individuals and families a broad array of integrated legal and business services in over 55 areas. One of the U.S.'s oldest and largest firms with more than 370 lawyers, the firm

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opened international offices in Eastern Europe in the early 1990s and in Canada in 2002. In 2007, the firm opened an office in Chicago, Illinois, and in 2008, offices in Toronto, Canada and Shanghai, China. Other offices are located in Florida and New York. For more information, visit www.millercanfield.com.