



# John Pitfield

## Practice Group Leader

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John Pitfield is co-chair of Choate's Business & Technology Group. He was named the 2016 Boston "Lawyer of the Year" for Securities Regulation by *Best Lawyers*, and a "2016 Client Service All-Star" by the BTI Consulting Group in the M&A and Securities and Capital Markets categories. He has also been named in *The Legal 500* for middle market private equity buyouts and as a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*.

### EDUCATION

University of Toronto  
Law School  
LLB, 1997

Queen's University  
BA, 1994, first class  
distinction (Honors)

## PRACTICE FOCUS

### Corporate & Securities

Public offerings, tender offers and debt and equity financings, for both US and Canadian companies.

### Mergers & Acquisitions

Corporate transactions for public and private companies, including all types of mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts and going private transactions for companies in a broad spectrum of industries.

### Private Equity

All aspects of capital raising and acquisition of target companies for funds of all types.

### Public Company Compliance

Corporate governance matters, public company reporting and regulatory compliance, including with the rules and regulations of the US Securities and Exchange Commission and The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

## REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Representation of Claris Vision in its sale to Eli Global.
  - Representation of Quadrant Software and Candescant Partners in sale of Quadrant Software to Fresche Legacy.
  - Representation of Dermatology Associates and Candescant Partners in sale of Dermatology Associates to ABRY Partners.
  - Representation of John Risley, co-founder of Clearwater Fine Foods Incorporated, and affiliated entity FP Resources USA Inc. in acquisition of The First Marblehead Corporation (NYSE: FMD).
  - \$100 million follow-on offering for Nasdaq-listed company.
  - Represented Canadian biotechnology and marketing companies in US "wrap" components of Canadian bought deals.
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## ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

## PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Technology

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Public Companies

- \$20 million buyout acquisition of dental management company.
- \$100 million acquisition of privately-held US company.
- \$400 million disposition of division of a public US company.
- \$40 million disposition of privately-held US company.
- \$5 million exchangeable share investment in a Canadian software company.

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Representation of Claris Vision in its sale to Eli Global.
- Representation of John Risley, co-founder of Clearwater Fine Foods Incorporated, and affiliated entity FP Resources USA Inc. in the acquisition of The First Marblehead Corporation (NYSE: FMD).
- Representation of Dermatology Associates and Candescant Partners in sale of Dermatology Associates to ABRY Partners.
- Representation of Quadrant Software and Candescant Partners in sale of Quadrant Software to Fresche Legacy.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Practical Tips for Canadian Companies Launching in the U.S. Market,” *speaker*, Canadian Entrepreneurs in New England's 48hrs in the Hub, Boston, April 2015.
- “Practical Tips for Canadian Companies Launching in the US Market,” *speaker*, Canadian Entrepreneurs in New England's 48hrs in the Hub, October 2014.
- “Proxy Statement Interactive Breakfast Seminar,” *panelist*, RR Donnelley, October 2013.
- “Practical Tips for Canadian Companies Launching in the US Market” *speaker*, The Canadian Technology Accelerator and the Canadian Entrepreneurs in New England's 48 Hours in the Hub, October 2013.
- “Q&A With Choate’s John Pitfield,” *featured*, *Securities Law360*, May 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Pitfield is a member of the American and Boston Bar Associations. He is the former co-chair and serves on the Board of Visitors of Fenway Health, a leading Boston-based LGBT health provider and research institute.