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Carleigh Bassett is a Partner in the Corporate & Commercial Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP, where she empowers mid-market businesses and entrepreneurs to navigate complex transactions and achieve their growth objectives.

Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada as a leading practitioner in Corporate Law (2025), Carleigh combines deep technical expertise with a strategic, business-driven mindset, making her an invaluable ally for clients looking to create lasting value.

Carleigh's career has been defined by her versatility and impact. She began her journey at WeirFoulds LLP, rapidly establishing herself as a trusted advisor in the private equity and corporate space. Her subsequent role as senior in-house counsel at BDO Canada LLP gave her an insider's understanding of how legal issues intersect with business strategy. This unique blend of private practice and in-house experience enables Carleigh to provide proactive, solutions-oriented counsel that addresses both the legal and commercial dimensions of her clients' challenges.

Carleigh's expertise spans general corporate structuring, governance, implementing tax planning structures, shareholder disputes, and the negotiation of complex commercial agreements. Her true passion lies in mergers and acquisitions, where she has a proven track record of guiding clients through transactions of all sizes and complexities—ranging from local mergers to sophisticated cross-border deals. Carleigh's clients include ambitious start-ups and established enterprises, and she tailors her approach to meet the unique needs of each business, recognizing that no two growth journeys are the same.

In 2025, Carleigh was one of 49 WeirFoulds lawyers recognized in Best Lawyers in Canada, underscoring the firm's commitment to excellence across 28 specialty areas. Carleigh's belief that legal counsel should be a catalyst for business success drives her approach to client service. She is not just a legal advisor—she is a strategic partner who empowers her clients to seize opportunities, mitigate risks, and navigate change with confidence and clarity.

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Called to the Bar

- Ontario (2015)

Education

- J.D., University of Toronto, 2013
- B.A. (History), University of Victoria, 2010

Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association

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