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**2022 PEAK Award Honouree**

**David Budd – Champion**

David Budd is a Deputy Managing Partner at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP (Cassels), and a key partner in the firm's Mining, Banking & Specialty Finance, and Sports & Entertainment Groups. Recognized as a leader in his field, he regularly acts for both lenders and borrowers on domestic and multi-jurisdictional transactions with an emphasis on corporate credit facilities, acquisitions, and project finance matters, including the financing of mines, hotels, and other real property developments. In his capacity as Deputy Managing Partner, David is responsible for, among other things, business development, practice excellence, recruitment of exceptional legal and operational talent, and fostering a positive work environment that promotes the firm's core values

Over more than two decades at Cassels, David's impact has inspired lasting and meaningful change. He has also been instrumental in advancing women to leadership positions at Cassels, is dedicated to training and mentoring others, was an important influence in launching the Cassels Black-Owned Business Grant program and the firm's Mental Health Awareness program, and remains selfless while creating an inclusive work environment for the entire firm.

From 2013 to 2015, David was a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and during this time, he was instrumental in the growth of the firm's Vancouver office - which grew from three to thirty-eight people - and establishing and solidifying a strong presence for the Cassels brand in Vancouver. David navigated the challenges of opening a new office with serenity and good humour, establishing himself as a calm and trusted presence. From the start, David had a unique vision to create a non-hierarchical office that challenged the traditional norms of the legal industry.

He is willing to use his voice to elevate others, and remains committed to ensuring diversity, compassion, and opportunity are at the forefront of every decision made on the way to building a more inclusive Cassels for all.

Please join us in celebrating David's achievements. Congratulations, David!