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Highlights

- Canada Business Corporations Act Section 45 Shareholder Immunity and Lien on Shares To lift the corporate veil and impose liability on a shareholder requires that the plaintiff prove that: (1) the individual exercises complete control of the finances, policy and business practices of the corporation; (2) the control was used by the individual to commit a fraud or wrong that would unjustly deprive the plaintiff of her rights; and (3) the misconduct is the reason for the plaintiff's injury or loss: Axiom Foreign Exchange International v. Rudiger Marketing Ltd, 2024 ABKB 224, 2024 CarswellAlta 861, at para. 101, citing the ABCA.
- Canada Business Corporations Act Section 192(4) Powers of Court An arrangement to enable an investor to acquire all the remaining shares at a premium of almost 100% of the closing price on the TSX Venture Exchange on the last trading day before announcement of the arrangement and which received the approval of almost 99% of the shareholders who voted on the arrangement resolution support a finding that the arrangement is fair and reasonable: Think Research Corp., Re, 2024 CarswellOnt 6155 (S.C.J. [Commercial List]), at paras. 2, 19 and 21, citing the OBCA.
- Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act Section 9(1) Jurisdiction of Court to Receive Applications A court has jurisdiction where approximately 58% of the company's employees are located in the province, the company has a facility in the province and maintains corporate offices in the province (as well as another province), a majority of its directors reside in the province and the place of business of its senior secured lender is the same province: BZAM Ltd. Plan of Arrangement, 2024 ONSC 1645, 2024 CarswellOnt 3802 (S.C.J. [Commercial List]), at paras. 37-39, citing the CCAA.