

Shahir's family immigrated from Egypt when he was three years old. At nine, they moved to the West Island. In 1982, he entered the Commerce program at John Abbott earning his diploma while also playing on the Islanders championship rugby team. He moved on to Concordia and then McGill where he completed two law degrees in 1990. While at McGill he served on the university Senate, was VP External Affairs of the Law School, worked on the Law Journal, and volunteered at the Law Clinic. Shahir was awarded the McGill Scarlet Key and received the Students Award for Contributions to the Faculty of Law.

He is a member of the Bar in Québec and New York. Although offered a position in New York City after graduation, he chose to stay in Canada and ultimately joined Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP 2001. He became managing partner of the Montréal office from 2010 to 2017.

Since 2017, Shahir is the National Co-Chair of the firm and a member and Co-Chair of the Partnership Board. He is a leading mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance lawyer. He is among the most recognized lawyers in the fields in which he practices, and has advised companies in all sectors and from all over the world. He was awarded the Advocatus Emeritus distinction in 2017 by the Québec Bar.

Mr. Guindi sat on the Board of Directors of the Business Development Bank of Canada for 9 years, and also that of GFL Environmental, Sears Canada Inc., and Jubilant Draxis Pharma, amongst others. He currently sits on the Board and Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, which he chaired from 2019 to 2021. He was Co-Chair of Réseau Capital between 2010 and 2013.

Mr. Guindi has received significant industry recognition, among them:

- Top 40 under 40 lawyers
- Ranked in Chambers and listed in The Best Lawyers in Canada
- In top rankings in the Canadian Legal Expert Directory
- Lawyer of the Year in biotechnology by The Best Lawyers in Canada in 2017
- Recognized by IFLR 1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2016-19

Among his volunteer contributions:

- Co-Chairman of the Cancer Society's Daffodil Ball,
- Member of the Board of several churches, and that of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Ottawa, Montreal, and Eastern Canada.

Particularly noteworthy is his role as co-spokesperson for the "Closed Doors Day" campaign, that promotes the successful professional integration of newcomers to Canada (2020).

Shahir has written in the Globe & Mail and La Presse about social impact investing, and in Le Devoir about the role of the Québec identity in Québec businesses.

He is married to Nelly Fanous, who teaches elementary school. They have 4 sons, two of whom are alumni of JAC – with 2 more to come.



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