

## Millier Dickinson Blais Welcomes New Senior Consultant

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Millier Dickinson Blais is pleased to welcome Rob Nolan as the newest member of our team. Rob has joined the firm as a Senior Consultant based in our Toronto office.

Prior to joining Millier Dickinson Blais, Rob spent more than 12 years in the United Kingdom, working in local and regional economic development. For eight of these years Rob worked with the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA). While at SEEDA Rob held a number of posts, including Head of Strategic and Corporate Planning and Head of Investor Development.

In his role as Head of Strategic and Corporate Planning Rob worked with SEEDA's Executive Board, Directors as well as regional and local stakeholders to develop a holistic regional economic strategy and implementation plan. An important part of this regional strategy was creating a strong link between economic development and environmental and social sustainability, an area which Rob believes will become increasingly important for Millier Dickinson Blais' clients.

As Head of Investor Development at SEEDA, Rob was responsible for managing the Investor Development programme. This programme delivered direct account management to over 600 companies to ensure that they remained and grew within the region. In the 3 years Rob was managing this programme it created and safeguarded more than 6,000 jobs for over 40 companies.

Prior to joining SEEDA, Rob worked for West London Inward, a local investment promotion agency, helping new investors to launch businesses in London. Before moving to the UK, Rob spent three years as an Inward Investment Assistant with the Invest in Britain Bureau working out of the British Consulate General in Toronto.

“We are very excited to have Rob as part of the team. His economic development experience in the UK allows us to bring a fresh perspective to the work of meeting our clients' needs and to foster a dialogue on the way economic development programming can be delivered in Canada. At the same time, his knowledge of and experience in Canada mean that his work for our clients will be rooted in issues of local importance” said Lauren Millier, Partner at Millier Dickinson Blais.

Rob holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Kingston (London), as well as a Master in Applied Environmental Studies (MAES) and undergraduate degree (BES) from the University of Waterloo. Rob is originally from Peterborough, Ontario, and currently lives in Port Credit with his wife Lisa.