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Richard Pfohl is General Counsel to the Canadian recording industry's principal licensing agency, CONNECT Music Licensing (formerly AVLA), which represents over 2500 recording companies, from the largest to the smallest. He is active in licensing new technologies to bring music to Canadians on behalf of the recording industry. Richard is also General Counsel to Music Canada, which represents the major Canadian recording companies and the interests of key leading independent Canadian recording companies. Richard has served as President of Re:Sound (then known as NRCC), which administers the rights of performers and makers of sound recordings for all public communications, performances and broadcasts of music in Canada.

Richard has testified before Canadian Parliamentary committees and the Canadian Copyright Board. He has taught courses on internet, information technology and digital commerce law as an adjunct faculty member of the University of Toronto Law School, and has lectured and co-taught in the Osgoode Hall Law School LL.M. and LL.B. programs. He is an active member of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) and has served as a director of the Canadian IT Law Association.

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Richard graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was an Executive Editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, and received his undergraduate degree in Politics and certificate in American Studies from Princeton University. Richard is called to the Ontario, Washington D.C. and Maryland bars.