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Dean has significant expertise with the various global accounting standards affecting pension and post-retirement benefit plans, such as CPA Canada Handbook, US GAAP, and IFRS. He prepares financial statement accounting disclosures (i.e. balance sheet, income statement, and note disclosures) for the pension and post-retirement benefit plans sponsored by his clients. In addition, Dean has substantial experience in assisting auditors with their review of pension and post-retirement benefit plan financial statement accounting disclosures.

Dean also has experience advising clients on mergers and acquisitions. He prepares financial due-diligence analyses on target companies' benefit plans, where upon completion of transaction, he works with the acquiring firm in implementing the new benefit strategy.

Dean joined Actuarial Solutions Inc. in 2007. A Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the Society of Actuaries, Dean graduated from the University of Waterloo with an Honours Bachelor of Mathematics in 2002. His experience includes the retirement practice at the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Dean is a frequent contributor to ASI's blog and has been quoted in various industry publications such as Benefits Canada and Benefits and Pensions Monitor.

Dean is a frequent volunteer with the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and with other professional bodies. Dean has served as follows:

Professional and Volunteer Activities

Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA)

*Member, Professional Conduct Board – 2024 to present
Chair, Actuarial Guidance Council – Chair 2022 to 2024 (Vice-Chair 2019 to 2022, and Member 2016 to 2019)
Member, CIA Committee on Pension Plan Financial Reporting – 2010 to 2014
Member, ASB Designated Group Review of Practice-Specific Standards of Practice for Pension Plans – 2011 to 2012
Member, CIA Annual and General Meeting Organization Committee – 2007 to 2010*

Society of Actuaries (SOA)

Education Committees – Course 5 Grader – 2005

Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA)

Member, Technical Advisory Committee for Asset Transfers – 2019 to 2020

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Select Publications & Presentations

Seminar: "2023 CAP Member Survey", presented at the Benefits Canada Benefits & Pension Summit, June 2023

Presenter: "Review of Ontario's Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund", C.D. Howe Institute Policy Council, Pension Policy Council Meeting #28, February 2021

Author: [Valuations in the time of COVID](#), Benefits and Pensions Monitor, November 2020

Seminar: "Actuarial and Administrative Update: What Employers Need to Know", presented at the IFEBP Virtual "Canadian Employer Outlook: Benefit Strategies for the Future" Conference, October 2020

Seminar: "The Future Isn't What It Used To Be: Plan Design and Longevity Risk", presented at ACPM, November 2018

Seminar: "CAAT's DBplus – a step in the right direction", presented at CPBI, November 2018

Interviews

"Why trying to time de-risking strategy is a "big mistake", May 2025, Benefits and Pensions Monitor

"Conservations are targeting Singh over his pension", September 2024, CBC News

"How do pension plans cope in an inflated economy?", February 2023, Pension Benefits Monitor

"2023 CAP Member Survey: How CAPs are evolving to address changing financial priorities", August 2023, Benefits Canada.

"2023 BPS coverage: preparing CAP members for retirement in a challenging economic environment", July 2023, Benefits Canada

"Withdrawal of real return bonds could financially impact DB pension plans: CIA", January 2023, Benefits Canada

"A look at MEPPs in a shifting pension landscape", May 2022, Benefits Canada

"What do historically low interest rates mean for DB pension de-risking?", October 2020, Canadian Investment Review

"A look at pension funding cushions from coast to coast", October 2020, Canadian Investment Review

"Is it time for pension plan sponsors to revisit risk tolerance?", July 2020, Canadian Investment Review

"OSFI easing restrictions on pension portability transfer", May 2020, Canadian Investment Review

"It's your money – So why does your employer make your pension such a mystery?", May 2020, Financial Post.

"Changes coming for pension fund commuted-value standards", February 2020, Benefits Canada

"What could negative yields mean for Canadian pension plans' future statuses?", November 2019, Canadian Investment Review

"Plan sponsors to consider new mortality improvement scale", January 2018, Benefits Canada

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