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Expertise

Competition, Antitrust and Foreign
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Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2008

Jim gets results for clients because of his keen business sense and deep knowledge of complex regulatory requirements.

Leading companies in Canada and abroad turn to Jim for their most critical regulatory and investigative matters. He advises on mergers, cartel and abuse of dominance investigations, foreign investment review, broadcasting and telecommunications law, and misleading advertising matters. Clients across a wide range of industries – including pharmaceutical, telecommunications, natural resources, consumer products, financial services and retail – trust Jim to focus on the most important issues in their transactions.

Jim writes widely on competition law matters and is a frequent contributor to industry publications.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Novolex

Acting as Canadian competition counsel to Novolex in its US\$6.7-billion business combination with Pactiv Evergreen Inc. to create a leading manufacturer in food and beverage packaging in North America.

Toppan Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to TOPPAN Holdings Inc. in its US\$1.8 billion acquisition of the Thermoformed and Flexibles Packaging business of Sonoco Products Company (NYSE: SON), a global leader in high-value sustainable packaging.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited in its acquisition of O3 Mining Inc. by way of a friendly take-over bid valued at C\$204 million.

McKesson Corporation

Acted for McKesson Corporation in the sale of its Rexall and Well.ca businesses in Canada to Birch Hill Equity Partners.

Tegus, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Tegus, a leading research platform for investors, on its US\$930-million sale to AlphaSense, the leading market intelligence and search platform.

Mannarino Systems & Software Inc.

Acted for the shareholders of Mannarino Systems & Software Inc., a global leader in avionics for electric aircraft and drones and certified systems for the aerospace sector, with the sale of all of their issued and outstanding shares to Scalian SAS.

Searchlight Pharma Inc.

Acted for the shareholders of Searchlight Pharma Inc., a top-growth Canadian specialty and innovative branded pharmaceutical company, in connection with

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the sale of their 100% interest to Apotex Inc.

Mastermind Toys

Acted for Mastermind Toys in its proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, which included liquidating 18 stores and the sale of majority of its locations to Mastermind Toys Inc., a subsidiary of Unity Acquisitions Inc.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for Russel Metals Inc. in its C\$225-million acquisition of seven service centers from Samuel, Son & Co., five of which are located in Western Canada and two in the United States.

Tecpetrol Investments S.L.

Acted for Tecpetrol Investments S.L. in its successful unsolicited take-over bid to acquire Alpha Lithium Corporation for C\$310 million.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—
Competition/Antitrust

Global Competition Review's FIC "40 Under 40" (2023)

*The Legal 500 Canada—*Competition and Antitrust (Next Generation Partner)

*The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—*Competition Law

*Who's Who Legal: Competition—*Future Leaders

*The Best Lawyers in Canada—*Competition/Antitrust Law

INSIGHTS

Canada Updates National Security Review Guidelines Amid Trade Tensions
Mar. 06, 2025

Interview, *Global Competition Review*, "TikTok's Canadian national security challenge spotlights procedural fairness issue"
Dec. 13, 2024

Interview, *The Financial Post*, "Canadian miner moves to UAE as Ottawa raises bar for foreign investment"; Web Publication
July 30, 2024

Canada Signals High Bar for *Investment Canada Act* Approvals for Acquisitions of Critical Minerals Businesses
July 24, 2024

Interview, *The Globe And Mail*, "Ottawa tightens rules for approving large mining deals involving critical minerals"; Web Publication
July 05, 2024

Interview, *Global Competition Review*, "Conservation group deploys 'novel' information request for major mining deal"; Web Publication
June 19, 2024

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Interview, *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*, "Investment Canada Act changes target state-owned enterprises, high tech, critical minerals"; Web Publication
Apr. 15, 2024

Canada Toughens its Scrutiny of Foreign Investments, co-author
Apr. 10, 2024

Canadian Government Enacts Major Amendments to the *Investment Canada Act* to Enhance Canada's National Security Review Regime
Mar. 27, 2024

Canadian Government to Enhance Scrutiny of Foreign Investments in the Interactive Digital Media Sector
Mar. 13, 2024

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, JD, 2007

University of Western Ontario, BA (Hons) (Economics), 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Canadian Bar Association, Competition Law Section, Foreign Investment Review committee, past chair