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Expertise
Competition, Antitrust and Foreign Investment
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Bar Admissions
Ontario, 1987

"I think of John as one of the most brilliant minds in Canadian competition law."

Client – *Chambers Canada 2024*

John uses his deep knowledge of competition law and foreign investment review to provide clients with creative solutions in their most business-critical matters.

He advises Canadian, U.S. and international corporations across a wide range of industries on all aspects of competition and foreign investment review, including mergers, price-fixing investigations and other pricing, distribution and advertising matters. John has obtained *Competition Act* and *Investment Canada Act* clearances for numerous merger transactions. Clients appreciate John's vast expertise and practical, responsive manner. As one client says, "John is almost like a supercomputer – he takes in everything and gives you a clear answer and a wonderful reference point giving you a reality check. He is a wonderful resource." (*Chambers Canada 2021*) Another client comments that "his ability to analyse and see through complicated issues as if they were transparent is uncanny." (*Chambers Canada 2024*)

John has significant expertise in advising companies on the criminal provisions of Canada's *Competition Act*. Clients regularly consult him on contested matters, immunity or leniency agreements, and resolutions prior to formal proceedings.

A frequent speaker at industry conferences, John also writes on topics related to competition and foreign investment review.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Shaw Communications Inc.
Acted for Shaw Communications Inc. in its joint C$2.85-billion sale with Rogers Communications Inc. of Freedom Mobile Inc. to Videotron Ltd., a subsidiary of Québecor Inc.

Shaw Communications Inc.
Acted for Shaw Communications Inc. in the acquisition by Rogers Communications Inc. of all of Shaw's issued and outstanding Class A and Class B shares in a transaction valued at approximately C$26 billion, including debt, representing a significant premium for Shaw's shareholders.

Barrick Gold Corporation
Acted for Barrick Gold Corporation in its historic joint venture with Newmont Mining Corporation, which combined their respective mining operations, assets, reserves and talent in Nevada to create the world's largest gold complex.

Barrick Gold Corporation
Acted for Barrick Gold Corporation in its recommended US$18.3-billion share-for-share merger with Randgold Resources Limited. This complex and multijurisdictional transaction created an industry-leading gold company with the greatest concentration of tier one gold assets in the industry and a diversified asset portfolio positioned for growth.

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Monsanto Company
Acted for Monsanto Company on competition and regulatory matters in its US$66-billion acquisition by Bayer AG.

Major public multinational firm
Acted for a major public multinational firm in an internal investigation involving numerous jurisdictions, coordinating assessments of foreign jurisdictions and leniency applications to Canadian competition authorities.

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Acted as co-counsel for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in respect of trademark claims and antitrust defences against certain provincial Chartered Accountant and Chartered Professional Accountant institutes in Federal Court.

McKesson Corporation
Acted for McKesson Corporation, a leading international healthcare services and information technology company, in connection with its $3-billion acquisition of Rexall and Rexall Pharma Plus, which operate approximately 470 pharmacies in Canada, from Katz Group, one of Canada's largest privately owned enterprises.

Maple Group Acquisition Corporation
Acted for Maple Group Acquisition Corporation (renamed TMX Group Limited), an entity whose shareholders consisted of five of Canada's largest pension funds, four Canadian bank-owned investment dealers, a leading independent broker dealer, Canada's largest financial co-operative group and a leading Canadian-based financial services group, in connection with its $3.8-billion acquisition of each of TMX Group Inc., The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, Alpha Trading Systems Inc. and Alpha Trading Systems Limited Partnership, resulting in the creation of a new integrated clearing and exchange group. This deal was awarded Deal of the Year in 2012 by *Lexpert* magazine.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business—Competition/Antitrust (Band 1)

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Competition/Antitrust (Band 1)

GCR 100 Canada: A Guide to the World's Leading Competition Law and Economics Practices—Competition and Foreign Investment Review

The Legal 500 Canada—Competition and Antitrust (Hall of Fame)

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada—Competition Law

Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada—Regulatory

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Competition Law (Most Frequently Recommended)

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Advertising and Marketing Law;

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Competition/Antitrust Law (Lawyer of the Year, Toronto 2017)

Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Competition; *Who's Who Legal: Competition*; *Who's Who Legal: Foreign Investment Control*; *Who's Who Legal: Canada*—Competition

Expert Guides—Competition and Antitrust

INSIGHTS

New Excessive and Unfair Pricing Provisions in Force in Canada's *Competition Act*: Risk and Compliance Considerations
Jan. 18, 2024

CBA Competition Law Fall Conference, "Remedial Training: Remedying Remedies,"; Ottawa, ON
Oct. 27, 2023

Canada's *Competition Act* Reforms Include Expanded Power to Challenge Anticompetitive Agreements
Sept. 28, 2023

Interview with Olha Pishchanska, Chair of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, interviewer
June 30, 2023

Canadian Competition Bureau's Updated *Competitor Collaboration Guidelines:* Practical Tips for Businesses
May 11, 2021

Pre-Merger Notification Guide: Canada's *Competition Act*
Apr. 01, 2021

Canadian Government Blocks Foreign Acquisition of Canadian Gold Miner on National Security Grounds
Jan. 08, 2021

COVID-19 in Canada: Competitor Collaborations, Pricing, Mergers, and Foreign Investment During (and After) the Pandemic
Sept. 17, 2020

National Security Review Timelines for Foreign Investments in Canada Temporarily Extended Due to COVID-19
Aug. 13, 2020

A Revival or an Aberration? Prohibition Orders Without a Conviction for Cartel Offences Under the Competition Act, co-author
Dec. 02, 2019

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario, LLB, 1985

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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Canadian Bar Association, National Competition Law Section, former chair

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

John has lectured on competition law at Western Law.