



# John W. Boscarior

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## Bar Admission

Ontario 1995

## Law School

University of Toronto

## Practices

Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
White Collar Defence and  
Investigations  
International Trade & Investment  
Procurement  
Supply Chain  
Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Industries

Banking & Financial Services  
Global Metals & Mining  
Energy & Resources  
Retail & Consumer Markets (RCM)  
Retail  
Life Sciences  
Pharmaceutical  
Technology  
Infrastructure  
Automotive

## US and International Markets

China  
United States

## John's engagement with the most complex international trade issues and opportunities of the day is unmatched in the marketplace

John W. Boscarior is head of the firm's International Trade & Investment Law Group and a partner in our Litigation Group. He helps clients understand how international trade agreements and foreign investment laws impact their business. John assists clients through the tangle of regulatory impediments faced by Canadian companies seeking to expand their business globally, and to international businesses entering the Canadian market.

## Foreign Investment and Cross-border Trade

Marshaling his considerable experience and wealth of knowledge about the trade laws in Canada, the US and the EU, John advises both private and public sector clients on the application of laws governing foreign investment and the cross-border trade in goods, services and technology across myriad industries, including financial services, natural resources, consumer goods, defence and infrastructure.

**Unbelievably plugged in – nothing happens in the world of trade without him knowing about it," and his "excellent knowledge in virtually every area of trade law.**

— CHAMBERS GLOBAL

## Enforcement and Compliance

With internationally recognized expertise in the interpretation and enforcement of international trade and investment protection agreements, John's practice focuses on white collar matters, as well as enforcement and compliance matters regarding anti-corruption laws and policies, economic sanctions, export, import and technology transfer controls, defence trade controls, blocking measures (Cuba), national security measures, anti-dumping, countervail and safeguard measures, government procurement, and customs and tariffs. .

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In addition to advising clients on strategic planning, compliance and enforcement, John regularly deals with various government agencies responsible for the administration of these laws and appears before panels, courts, and tribunals hearing disputes involving international trade and investment matters.

**He is clearly one of the leading experts in Canada in this area. His knowledge spans beyond Canadian law - he knows US and EU laws very well.**

— CLIENT

John is also an adjunct professor at the University of Western Ontario law school where he designed and is currently teaching Anti-Corruption Law and its Application in International Business, one of the first courses of its kind to be taught at a Canadian law school. In 2017 he testified before Canada's Parliament on the enforcement of economic sanctions and anti-terrorism laws, and many of his recommendations were adopted in the House of Commons 2017 report: A Coherent and Effective Approach to Canada's Sanctions Regimes: Sergei Magnitsky and Beyond. John is the organizer and course leader of Lexpert's annual full-day Canada-wide Anti-Bribery and Corruption Course, currently in its sixth year.

A prolific author and sought-after speaker, John received his B. Comm. (Gold Medalist) from the University of Toronto in 1990. He received his LLB from the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto and was called to the Ontario bar in 1995. In 1998, he received his LLM (International Trade and Competition Law) from the Osgoode Hall Law School.

**[View a list of John's recent publications, attributions and speeches](#)**

## Awards & Rankings

### Chambers Global

Band 1: International Trade/WTO - Canada

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## **Chambers Canada**

Band 1 - International Trade/WTO

## **The Legal 500 - Canada**

Leading Lawyer: International trade

## **Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada**

Leading Lawyer: International Trade

## **Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory**

Leading Lawyer: Commodity Tax/Customs; International Trade Regulation

## **Who's Who Legal**

National Leader, Canada - Investigations, Canada - Trade & Customs

## **Best Lawyers in Canada - 2024 and 2021**

Lawyer of the Year: International Trade and Finance Law

## **Best of the Best (Global)**

Top 30 International Trade Attorneys

## **Global Law Experts - 2014 and 2015**

International Trade Compliance Lawyer of the Year (Canada)

## **Corporate International Magazine Global Award - 2014**

International Compliance Lawyer of the Year in (Canada)

## **Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters - 2012**

Member of the Year

## **Recent Experience**

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- **TransAlta Corporation announces agreement to acquire Heartland Generation for US\$658M**

November 2, 2023

- **DATA Communications Management has completed private placement of common shares of its company**

May 25, 2023

- **Partners Group acquires SureWerx from The Riverside Company**

December 28, 2022

- **Eddyfi/NDT acquires Zetec from Roper Technologies**

January 11, 2022

## Recent Insights

- **The Monkey's Paw** □ Global Affairs Canada releases new economic sanctions FAQs

April 1, 2024

- **Canada Marks Second Year Anniversary of Russia's Further Invasion of Ukraine With Wave of New Sanctions and Related Measures**

March 20, 2024

- **Public Safety Canada Issues Updated Guidance on the Application of the Supply Chains Act and its Reporting Requirements**

March 19, 2024

- **Modern Slavery: A Guidebook on the Reporting Requirements Under the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act**

February 28, 2024

## Events

- **Impact of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine on Cybersecurity in Canada**

June 8, 2022