



# Michael Caldecott

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## Bar Admission

Ontario 2019

Ireland 2016

England and Wales 2012

## Law School

University of Oxford

BPP Law School

## Practices

Competition/Antitrust & Foreign  
Investment

Transportation and Logistics

## Industries

Retail & Consumer Markets (RCM)

Technology & Communications

Pharmaceutical

Fintech

## US and International Markets

Europe

United States

**Clients seek Mike's advice to navigate complex competition and foreign investment processes to achieve their most important commercial objectives. Specializing in cross-border transactions and governmental investigations into business conduct, he combines analytical precision with a pragmatic, solutions-oriented approach.**

Mike is a Partner in our Competition/Antitrust & Foreign Investment Group in Toronto.

Recognized by Chambers for Competition / Antitrust, Who's Who Legal as a Future Leader and Global Competition Review in its 2023 Foreign Investment Control - Top 40 Under 40 global publication, Mike provides clients with competition and foreign investment law advice across all aspects of their activities, including mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, investigations into unilateral and coordinated conduct, distribution and supply-chain arrangements, deceptive marketing practices and competition compliance programs. He has extensive experience in a wide range of industries, including in telecommunications, media and technology, consumer products, infrastructure and transport, pharmaceuticals and financial services.

Mike has advised on a range of global and domestic strategic transactions, including:

- Waste Connections on its acquisition of the oilfield waste services business of Secure Energy Services for \$1.075 billion pursuant to the Competition Tribunal's divestiture order following the acquisition of Tervita by Secure Energy Services
- Daseke, Inc. in its US\$1.1 billion acquisition by TFI International Inc
- Hitachi Rail on its proposed acquisition of Thales' Ground Transportation System business for an enterprise value of €1,660 million

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- Aon plc, a UK-based global professional services firm, as Canadian counsel in its US\$30 billion proposed acquisition of Willis Towers Watson
- Score Media and Gaming on its US\$2 billion acquisition by Penn National Gaming
- AbbVie in its US\$63 billion acquisition of Allergan
- Anixter in its US\$ 4.5 billion acquisition by WESCO
- Refinitiv, the global financial data provider, in its acquisition by London Stock Exchange Group plc
- K+S AG in the sale of its Americas salt business to Stone Canyon Industries
- PepsiCo in the sale of its Tropicana and related juices business to PAI Partners
- Metso Minerals and Outotec in the combination of their minerals processing businesses
- Mondelez International in its agreement to acquire a significant majority interest in Give & Go
- L3 Technologies, Inc. in its US\$33.5 billion merger with Harris Corporation
- First Data Corporation in its US\$22 billion merger with Fiserv
- Brookfield Infrastructure in its US\$8.4 billion acquisition of Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

Having practiced for six years in the London office of a major international law firm – which included secondments in Brussels and Washington, D.C. - Mike is well-versed in the global competition and foreign investment law landscape. This experience enables Mike to take a holistic approach to complex cross-border transactions and conduct matters, leaning on his experience of Phase II merger investigations before the European Commission and UK Competition & Markets Authority; merger appellate litigation before the EU's General Court; and cartel investigations across several sectors, as well as coordinating merger clearances in many jurisdictions around the world.

Mike currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Mergers Committee of the Canadian Bar Association's National Competition Law Section; and is a past

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Chair of the section's Foreign Investment Review Committee. He has also sat on the leadership of the Joint Conduct Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law. He is a frequent writer and speaker on competition law topics, including in particular on comparative approaches to competition and foreign investment policy and enforcement in North America and Europe. He is the co-author of the Canada chapter of GCR's *Foreign Direct Investment Regulation Guide*, and was the co-author of the UK chapter of *Getting the Deal Through: Merger Control* between 2015 and 2018.

Mike graduated in 2007 with a BA (Hons) in History and in 2008 with an MSt (with Distinction) in American History from the University of Oxford, where he was a Lord Crewe Scholar at Lincoln College. Mike received his Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course qualifications from BPP Law School in London, UK. He is admitted to practice in Ontario and England & Wales.

## Awards & Rankings

### Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer : Competition/Antitrust

### Global Competition Review Foreign Investment Control - 2023

Top 40 Under 40

### Who's Who Legal

Future Leader – Competition Law

### Best Lawyers in Canada

Ones to Watch – Competition / Antitrust Law

### Expert Guides

Rising Star: Competition & Antitrust

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## Recent Experience

- **National Bank of Canada enters into a definitive agreement to acquire Canadian Western Bank for approximately C\$5B**  
June 11, 2024
- **Brookfield Renewable Holdings enters into negotiations to acquire Neoen for €6.1B**  
May 30, 2024
- **ElectraMeccanica Vehicles Corp is acquired by Xos, Inc.**  
March 26, 2024
- **Codelco acquires Lithium Power International Ltd. for A\$385M**  
March 14, 2024

## Recent Insights

- **Investment Canada Act: Brace Yourselves, Amendments Are (Still) Coming**  
February 7, 2024
- **Competition/Antitrust & Foreign Investment Outlook 2024**  
January 25, 2024
- **Doing Business in Canada: Updated edition now available**  
November 9, 2023
- **Proposed Amendments to the Investment Canada Act's National Security Provisions**  
August 18, 2023

## Events

- **Competition Law and Accounting**  
May 9, 2023