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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

Industries

Retail & Consumer Markets (RCM)

Technology & Communications

Pharmaceutical

Fintech

Transportation & Logistics

US and International Markets

Europe

United States

US and International Markets

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 Who's Who Legal as a Future Leader and Expert Guides as a "Rising Star" in Competition & Antitrust, Mike provides clients with competition and foreign investment law advice across all aspects of their activities, including mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, governmental 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, in particular in telecommunications, media and technology, consumer products, infrastructure and transport, pharmaceuticals and financial services.

Representative matters at McCarthy Tétrault include acting for:

- Aon plc, a UK-based global professional services firm, as Canadian counsel in its US\$30 billion proposed acquisition of Willis Towers Watson
- 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.

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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 Foreign Investment Review Committee of the Canadian Bar Association's National Competition Law Section; and has 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, England & Wales and Ireland.

Awards & Rankings

Who's Who Legal

Future Leader – Competition Law

Best Lawyers in Canada

Ones to Watch – Competition / Antitrust Law

Expert Guides

Rising Star: Competition & Antitrust

The Legal 500 - Canada

Recommended: Competition and Antitrust

Recent Experience

- **Stellantis closes ARS\$30B investment in McEwen Copper Inc.**
February 24, 2023

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- **Paramount Resources Ltd. closes disposition, special dividend and updated guidance**

January 11, 2023

- **Surge Energy Inc. acquired certain crude oil assets from Enerplus Corporation for consideration of C\$245M, payable in cash and common shares**

December 19, 2022

- **Kadant Inc. acquires Conveyors Plus Ltd.**

November 29, 2022

Recent Insights

- **Competition/Antitrust & Foreign Investment Outlook 2023**

January 05, 2023

- **More Speed and More Haste: Significant Amendments to Canada's Competition Act Come Into Force**

June 27, 2022

- **Tooling Up: Significant Amendments Proposed for Canada's Competition Act**

April 28, 2022

- **One Deal Closes, Another Case Opens: Competition Bureau Brings Another Challenge to a Consummated Merger**

December 02, 2021