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Education

Osgoode Hall, LL.M.

University of Western Ontario, LL.B.

Queen's University, B.A. (Hons.)

Bar Admission(s)

Ontario (1992)

Practice Area(s): Competition & Antitrust

Michelle has extensive experience in all areas of competition law. Her practice has a particular emphasis on mergers & acquisitions and competitor collaborations. She also regularly provides strategic and counselling advice to clients with leading positions in their industries on the application of the *Competition Act* to distribution strategies and practices. In addition, she represents both immunity applicants and targets of domestic and multinational conspiracy investigations.

As well, Michelle has extensive experience representing parties (both non-Canadian acquirers and targets) confronted with the regulatory review process under the *Investment Canada Act*, Canada's foreign investment legislation. She regularly makes submissions and engages in dialogue with the Competition Bureau, the Department of Public Prosecutions and Industry Review Division of Industry Canada.

Recent Matters

- **Cadbury PLC** in connection with the unsolicited bid by Kraft Foods Inc.
- **Comcast Corporation** in connection with its proposed acquisition of a controlling interest from General Electric in NBC/ Universal.
- **The Procter & Gamble Company** in connection with its disposition of its Global Pharmaceuticals Business to Warner Chilcott plc.
- **The Royal Bank of Canada** in connection with the Competition Bureau's inquiry into the credit card sector.
- **Cadbury Adams Canada Inc.** in connection with the regulatory investigation into allegations of price-fixing in the chocolate industry and in numerous class actions across Canada.
- **Barclays plc** in connection with its disposition of Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited to BlackRock, Inc.
- **TELUS Corporation** in connection with the auction of BCE, its acquisition of Emergis Inc., Clearnet and of a majority interest in The QuébecTel Group Inc.

- **CanWest Global Communications Corp.** in its acquisition of Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc., its sale of Atlantic and Saskatchewan community newspapers to GTC Transcontinental Group Ltd. and its acquisition of certain newspaper assets from Hollinger.

Professional Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association, Vice-Chair of the National Competition Law Section
- American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law

Acknowledgements

- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business: Competition/Antitrust*
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2009: Competition/Antitrust Law*

Publications/Events

- *Distribution Across Borders – Ensuring that Multi-Jurisdictional Product Distribution Complies with the Antitrust/Competition Laws in the US, EU, China and Canada – The Canadian Perspective*, 58th Annual ABA Antitrust Law Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 21-23, 2010.
- *Significant Changes to Canada's Competition Law and Foreign Investment Regime*, Linex Legal, March 12, 2009.
- *Major Changes to Competition Law Proposed*, Linex Legal, February 6, 2009.
- *Competition Bureau Releases Updated Draft Abuse Of Dominance Guidelines*, Canadian Corporate Counsel, January-February 2009.
- *Competition Bureau Releases Updated Draft Abuse of Dominance Guidelines*, Osler Update, January 20, 2009.