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Bar Admission

Québec 1975

Law School

McGill University

Practices

Appellate Litigation
International Trade & Investment
Disputes
Procurement
Public Law
Competition Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Industries

Pension Funds Group

Simon Potter is a counsel in our Litigation Group in Montréal. He is highly regarded for his versatility as a corporate and commercial trial and appellate lawyer, and for his experience in all areas of administrative law dealing with trade and competition issues.

Mr. Potter appears regularly before all federal and Québec courts, as well as before numerous regulatory boards and other agencies, such as the Canadian International Trade Tribunal and the Competition Bureau.

In his commercial litigation practice, he has handled a variety of cases ranging from class actions to corporate contractual liability to competition issues and constitutional questions, including the challenge of the federal legislation banning the Canadian advertising of tobacco products.

Mr. Potter has participated in bi-national panels created under Chapter 19 of the NAFTA to review determinations of dumping and of subsidizations, as well as on a bi-national panel formed under Chapter 20 of the FTA to hear a dispute between Canada and the United States as to American regulations imposing minimum sizes for lobster imported from Canada.

He also has experience in handling major arbitrations at both the national and international levels, either as counsel to a party or as an arbitrator.

Over the years, Mr. Potter has taken an active part in the direction of various bar associations, including the Canadian Bar Association, of which he was president for the year 2002-2003. Mr. Potter is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the London Court of International Arbitration, and the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, the Canada-United States Law Institute's Executive Committee and Advisory Board, and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association's Class Action Task Force, the major responsibilities of which are to establish a judicial protocol to ensure better co-ordination between the courts in different provinces, avoid duplication as well as inefficiencies in the trying of a case, and develop national class rules that could withstand constitutional challenge.

Mr. Potter received his BA from Dartmouth College in 1971, and his BCL from McGill University in 1974 and was called to the Québec bar in 1975.

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Awards & Rankings

Chambers Global

Leading lawyer: International Trade/WTO and Dispute Resolution

Chambers Canada

Leading lawyer: Quebec, Litigation: General Commercial and Nationwide – Canada, International Trade/WTO

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading lawyer in commercial arbitration, international trade regulation, corporate commercial litigation and public law litigation

Lexpert American Lawyer Guide to the leading 500 Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer: Class action litigation, corporate commercial litigation and international trade

Who's Who Legal Canada

Leading lawyer: Product liability defence and trade and customs

Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer: Listed in the specialities of bet-the-company litigation, class action litigation, corporate and commercial litigation, international arbitration and international trade, finance law and administrative and public law

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2020

Lawyer of the Year: Administrative and Public Law (Montréal)

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2019

Lawyer of the Year: International Trade and Finance Law

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2017

Lawyer of the Year: Administrative and Public Law for Montreal

Canadian Bar Association – Quebec Branch - 2015

Prix Jules-Deschênes

Québec Bar - 2014

Advocatus Emeritus

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November 17, 2017

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