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Bar Admission

Ontario 2002

Law School

University of Toronto

Practices

Competition/Antitrust & Foreign
Investment
Competition Litigation

US and International Markets

US Markets

Results-oriented and widely recognized for her expertise in competition and foreign investment law, Debbie has the experience clients need to successfully navigate the regulatory landscape.

Deborah (Debbie) Salzberger is a Partner in our Antitrust/Competition & Foreign Investment Group in Toronto. She acts for clients in domestic and multinational mergers and acquisitions with respect to competition/antitrust law and foreign investment review matters. She also regularly provides competition law compliance advice in respect of criminal cartel matters and reviewable practices, including joint ventures, resale pricing, advertising and distribution issues.

Widely recognized in Canada and abroad for her experience working on complex domestic and multijurisdictional transactions, Debbie's practice is marked by her pragmatic and solutions oriented approach, working with clients to achieve their objectives. Her deep knowledge of the Canadian competition/antitrust and foreign investment regimes is complemented by her understanding of a variety of industries, making her a valued business advisor. Some of the transactions in which she has been involved, include:

- CCCC International Holding Limited on its \$1.51 billion proposed acquisition of Aeon Group Inc.
- Brand Energy & Infrastructure in its merger with Safway Group Holding LLC
- Bass Pro Shops in its proposed merger with Cabelas
- Foster Wheeler AG on its US\$3.2-billion acquisition by AMEC
- Continental AG in its proposed US\$1.9-billion acquisition of Veyance Technologies Inc.
- The Brick Ltd. on its sale to Leon's Furniture Limited for C\$700-million

Deeply connected to the Competition/Antitrust and Foreign Investment Bar

Debbie actively participates in thought leadership and industry groups, both in Canada and internationally. She is the current vice-chair of the Canadian Bar Association Competition Law Section's Foreign Investment Review Committee and the vice-chair of the American Bar Association's Compliance and Ethics Committee. Debbie is editor of the "International Price Discrimination" chapter of the ABA Price Discrimination Handbook.

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She is a frequent contributor to antitrust conferences and publications, including:

- Speaker: Competition Law and Policy in Emerging Industries, CBA Competition Law Fall Conference, September 28, 2018.
- Moderator: Distinctions with Differences: Canvassing Cross-Jurisdictional Ethics Rules, 66th ABA Section of Antitrust Law Spring Meeting, April 11, 2018.
- Co-author: Canada Chapter, The International Comparative Legal Guide to Merger Control, Global Legal Group, (12th, 13th and 14th Edition, 2016, 2017, 2018).
- Speaker: Small Mergers, Big Issues, GCR Live 7th Annual Antitrust Law Leaders Forum, February 3, 2018.
- Speaker: Vertical Mergers – Views across the Border, CBA Competition Law Fall Conference, October 26, 2017.
- Speaker: Merger Due Diligence - Cross Border Compliance Considerations, ABA Section of Antitrust Law - Teleconference, January 27, 2016.
- Co-author: The Seven Sins of E-Discovery: Salvations for Merger Review, Ontario Bar Association, Ontario e-Discovery Institute, 2015.
- Moderator: Attorney Client Privilege - A Multijurisdictional Review of Recent Developments, CBA Competition Law Section's International Committee and Competition Litigation Committee, ABA Section of Antitrust Law - Teleconference, November 23, 2015.
- Speaker: Ontario e-Discovery Institute 2015, OBA Conference, Toronto, Ontario, October 29, 2015.
- Speaker: Resale Price Maintenance: Current State of Play in North America and Europe, ABA Section of Antitrust Law, Federal Civil Enforcement Telephonic Committee Program, June 26, 2019.

Awards & Rankings

Who's Who Legal

Competition and M&A Governance - Foreign Investment Review

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Global Competition Review

Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders - Competition

Euromoney

Women in Business Law - Competition and Antitrust

The Best Lawyers in Canada

Competition/Antitrust Law

Who's Who Legal

Competition - Future Leaders 2017 (Recognized as one of North America's top five most highly recommended)

Legal Media Group

Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law 2014

Who's Who Legal: Canada

(Competition/Antitrust Law)

Global Competition Review - 2012

Top 40 Under 40

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading lawyer in the area of Competition Law

Called to the Ontario Bar in 2002, Debbie received her LLB from the University of Toronto in 2000, an MA in International Relations from University of Toronto in 2000 and her BES (Summa Cum Laude, Environmental Studies and Economics) from York University in 1997.

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Recent Experience

- **Morningstar Inc. enters agreement to acquire DBRS for US\$669M**
- **Air Canada acquires Aeroplan rewards program from Aimia Inc. for C\$497M**
January 10, 2019
- **Permira funds creates Synamedia from Cisco's SPVSS business**
October 29, 2018
- **EllisDon Capital enters into a long-term partnership with Fiera Infrastructure Inc.**
October 12, 2018

Recent Insights

- **Walking the Talk: Canadian Competition Bureau Reiterates and Demonstrates Commitment to Active Enforcement**
May 09, 2019
- **On Target: 2019 Private Equity Outlook - Learn more about trends to watch**
February 20, 2019
- **Competition Act Update**
May 03, 2018

Events

- **Competition Act – Meet the Competition Enforcers**
June 08, 2018