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Bar Admission

New York 2014

Ontario 2015

Law School

Columbia University

Practices

Competition/Antitrust & Foreign
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Kate McNeece is a Partner in our Competition/Antitrust & Foreign Investment Group in Toronto focusing on competition and antitrust law and foreign investment review.

Kate's practice encompasses all aspects of competition law, including mergers and acquisitions, marketing and distribution practices, abuse of dominance, criminal and civil investigations, and compliance matters. She also provides strategic advice on foreign investment merger review under the Investment Canada Act, including with respect to SOE investment and national security issues. She has worked with clients in a number of Canada's key industries including upstream and downstream energy, renewable energy, construction, telecommunications and consumer products.

Representative matters at McCarthy Tétrault include:

- Pinnacle Foods Inc. on its US\$10.9 billion proposed acquisition by ConAgra Brands, Inc.
- Federal-Mogul on its US\$5.4 billion acquisition by Tenneco Inc.
- The Carlyle Group and AkzoNobel on the US\$12.5 billion proposed acquisition by The Carlyle Group and GIC of the Specialty Chemicals business of AkzoNobel
- WillScot Corporation on its US\$1.1 billion proposed acquisition of Modular Space Holdings Inc.
- CCCI International Holding Limited on its \$1.51 billion proposed acquisition of Aecon Group Inc.
- 21st Century Fox Inc. on the US\$52.4 billion proposed acquisition of Fox's film and television assets by Walt Disney Co.
- Shandong Gold Group on its proposed acquisition of TMAC Resources Inc.
- Cineworld Group plc on its C\$2.8 billion proposed acquisition of Cineplex Inc.
- Zijin Mining Group Co. in its C\$1.4 billion agreement to acquire Continental Gold Inc.

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Representative matters at her prior firm include:

- GE on the merger of its Oil & Gas business with Baker Hughes to create a combined company with approximately \$23 billion in annual revenue
- Imperial Oil Limited on its divestment of 497 Esso retail gas stations for C\$2.8 billion
- Koch Industries Inc. on its US\$2.5-billion investment in Infor
- Johnson Electric Holdings Limited on its C\$800 million acquisition of Stackpole International
- BCE Inc. on its C\$594-million acquisition of Glentel Inc.
- JCF Capital ULC in connection with its acquisition of the former Trump Tower, Toronto, a mixed hotel/residential condominium, and the sale of the hotel portion to InnVest Hotels

Kate was called to the bar in New York in 2014 and in Ontario in 2015. She is a member of the Law Society of Ontario, Canadian Bar Association, and American Bar Association. She is currently a Vice Chair of the Podcast Committee of the CBA Competition Law Section, and serves as a member of the Steering Committee of the International Antitrust Law Committee of the ABA Section of International Law, and edits the Committee's Year in Review publication. Ms. McNeece is a frequent writer and speaker on competition law topics, and has served as an adjunct professor of competition law at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Kate received her JD from Columbia Law School in 2013. At Columbia, she received James Kent Scholar and Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar awards as well as the Parker School Certificate in International and Comparative Law, and was an editor of the Columbia Human Rights Review. Kate graduated from Yale University in 2007 with a degree in economics.

Awards & Rankings

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- **Silver Lake, a global technology investment firm, makes US\$6.4B equity investment in Vantage Data Centers**
March 6, 2024
- **TreeHouse Foods acquires pickled food brands from Smucker's for US\$20M**
January 2, 2024
- **Newmont Corp. acquires Newcrest Mining Limited for US\$19.1B**
November 6, 2023

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- **Technology Perspectives Outlook 2024**
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- **Competition/Antitrust & Foreign Investment Outlook 2024**
January 25, 2024

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- **Doing Business in Canada: Updated edition now available**

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

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- **Cross-Border: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada – Key Topics and Developments**

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