



Carmen Francis

Partner Retail & Consumer Markets Group Leader

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Bar Admission

Ontario 2012

Practices

International Trade & Investment
Supply Chain

Industries

Food, Beverage & Agribusiness
Gambling, Sports Betting, and Casinos
Cannabis
Healthcare
Consumer Products
Retail

Carmen Francis is a partner in the firm's International Trade & Investment Law Group in Toronto, and is Industry Group Leader of our National Retail and Consumer Markets Group. Her practice is focused on providing business-friendly, strategic and skilled advice across a wide range of trade, regulatory and compliance matters.

Carmen's regulatory practice is tailored to supporting clients at each stage of the regulatory continuum: from the earliest stages of product formulation and development, to packaging and labelling requirements, ensuring compliance with mandatory standards, obtaining requisite permits and licences, assisting with import and export compliance, and through to responding to regulatory enforcement actions. Her advice is responsive to clients' needs, and prioritizes supporting clients in achieving their business objectives while navigating complex regulatory regimes. In particular, Carmen has extensive experience in the regulation of consumer retail products, and products subject to specialized regulatory regimes such as alcoholic beverages, cannabis, controlled goods and defence articles, cosmetics, natural health products, and medical devices. Carmen provides proactive, pragmatic and considered guidance in an increasingly intricate regulatory environment.

Within her international trade practice, Carmen has significant experience acting for clients in anti-dumping investigations and litigation, international investment disputes, import and export control matters, and customs and sanctions compliance. She has appeared before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, the World Trade Organization Appellate Body, the Federal Court of Appeal, and various trade-related administrative bodies. In the course of representing her clients, Carmen has developed a strategic understanding of the priorities, needs and challenges faced by companies seeking to leverage cross-border business opportunities.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

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Recent Experience

- **GE Digital acquires Opus One Solutions**
December 31, 2022
- **Nestlé acquires core brands of The Bountiful Company for US\$5.75B**
August 9, 2021
- **Jewelry Television completes successful bid to enter Canada**
June 21, 2021

Recent Insights

- **Key Takeaways from McCarthy Tétrault's 14th Annual National Retail and Consumer Markets Summit**
March 18, 2024
- **Legal 500: 1st Edition Advertising and Marketing Guide**
October 23, 2023
- **ECCC Launches Consultation on Requirement for Major Grocers to Develop Pollution Prevention Plans for Primary Packaging**
August 16, 2023
- **CBSA proposes amendments to customs valuation rules having potentially significant impact on importers**
June 15, 2023

Events

- **13th Annual National Retail and Consumer Markets Summit**
February 23, 2023

■ **12th Annual National Retail and Consumer Markets Summit**

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