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Bar Admission: Ontario, 1992

Areas of Expertise

- Antitrust M&A
- Strategic Antitrust Guidance and Risk Management
- Retail and Consumer Products
- Regulatory Investigations
- Competition Disputes
- Competition/Antitrust
- Risk Management and Crisis Response

Michelle is a senior partner of the Osler Competition/Antitrust and Foreign Investment Group. She has previously served as Chair of the Group and on the firm's Executive Committee and is a former executive member and Chair of the National Competition Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

With over 30 years of extensive experience in all aspects of competition law, Michelle's expertise includes mergers & acquisitions, strategic alliances, price fixing & bid-rigging investigations and pricing and distribution matters, and reviews under Canada's foreign investment law, the *Investment Canada Act*.

Michelle has successfully obtained clearances under the *Competition Act* for hundreds of domestic, cross-border and international transactions. She regularly advises parties on the application of the *Competition Act*'s criminal and civil provisions to agreements between competitors, agreements between customers and suppliers, unilateral conduct, greenwashing and deceptive marketing practices. As part of providing strategic competition law counselling and compliance advice, Michelle often designs and conducts internal antitrust audits/investigations for clients.

Her depth of experience in the area of Competition/Antitrust has been recognized nationally and internationally. Over the last decade, Michelle has been consistently ranked in *Chambers Canada.* She has also been recognized in *Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada* and *Best Lawyers in Canada* among several other legal ranking directories.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Competition/Antitrust (Band 1) (Nationwide – Canada)

  - "Michelle really understands our business and is pragmatic; she thinks of ways to reduce risk for our company."
- **Chambers Global: The World's Leading Business Lawyers:** Recognized in Competition/Antitrust (Band 1)
  - ...a "fantastic resource for competition law,"
  - ..."is excellent in navigating complex regulatory situations. She's strategic but also practical and understands business."
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Competition Law (Most Frequently Recommended)
- **Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada:** Recognized in Competition Law
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Competition/Antitrust Law
- **Legal 500:** Recognized as a Leading Lawyer, Competition & Antitrust
- **Who's Who Legal:** Recognized in Competition (International); Competition (Canada)
- **Thomson Reuters:** "Stand-out Lawyer"

Credentials

Education

- Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.M.
- University of Western Ontario, LL.B.
- Queen's University, B.A. (Hons.)

Professional Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association, a Former Chair of the National Competition Law Section
- American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law
- American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow