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Davit is recognized as a leading Canadian competition/antitrust lawyer.

He advises domestic and international clients in the pharmaceutical, software, manufacturing, retail and technology sectors on all aspects of Canadian competition and foreign investment review law, including:

- mergers and acquisitions
- cartel and other criminal matters
- private actions (including class actions)
- advertising and marketing practices
- abuse of dominance
- other reviewable trade practices

Davit has secured regulatory clearance in cross-border and international transactions in a wide array of industry sectors.

He has served as counsel in a number of Canada's most important competition litigation cases, including matters before the Supreme Court of Canada and the Canadian Competition Tribunal. A significant portion of Davit's practice involves defending national and cross-border class actions alleging anti-competitive conduct.

Davit's litigation experience includes:

- Representing Parrish & Heimbecker, Limited in the first contested merger case heard by the Canadian Competition Tribunal since 2011
- Representing Loblaw Companies Limited and George Weston Limited in connection with "the largest alleged conspiracy in the history of Canadian competition law enforcement"
- Representing Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Inc., USA and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc. in connection with "the largest [alleged] private sector corporate cartel in history"
- Representing the Commissioner of Competition in *Commissioner of Competition v Visa Canada Corporation and MasterCard International Incorporated*, the first price maintenance case heard by the Competition Tribunal
- Acting as counsel in *Commissioner of Competition v Canada Pipe Company Ltd*, the seminal abuse of dominance case in Canada
- Acting as counsel in *Sun-Rype Products Ltd v Archer Daniels Midland*, one of Canada's leading antitrust class action cases

He has represented parties in inquiries under the civil and criminal provisions of the *Competition Act*, including immunity and leniency applicants about alleged price fixing and other cartels.

Clients and peers have described Davit as "an excellent lawyer – very thoughtful, responsive, and strategic," "diligent, efficient and creative," "very savvy and knowledgeable" and "outstanding. Super smart, practical and an unabashed advocate. I would trust him with my most important relationships."

He clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada for [Justice Louise Arbour](#).

- Ontario, 2001
- LLB (with Honours), University of Toronto, 1999
- BA (with Honours) in Political Studies/Economics (First Class Standing), Queen's University, 1995

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