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Matthew is widely recognized for his knowledge, advocacy skills and strategic acumen in international trade and investment law.

He represents Canadian and global clients in WTO and investment treaty disputes, trade remedy and safeguard investigations and trade treaty negotiations, and advises them on economic sanctions, export control and foreign corrupt practice laws.

Matthew has been engaged on many of Canada's highest-profile trade files. He has led legal teams in WTO panel and Appellate Body proceedings in matters involving subsidies, dumping, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers and tariffs, and in investment arbitrations under the NAFTA.

A former trade diplomat, Matthew was the Director-General of the Government of Canada's Trade Law Bureau from 2009-2012 and was the Canadian Government's chief legal counsel in the negotiation of the *Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement* (CETA) with the European Union and in free trade negotiations with Colombia, Peru and Singapore. He served for three years at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC, where he focused on trade and economic sanctions legislation and trans-border resource and environmental issues.

Matthew is an Adjunct Professor of International Arbitration at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law and Vice-Chair of the International Bar Association's International Trade and Customs Law Committee. He has been

appointed to Canada's roster of NAFTA Chapter 19 panelists and served on the Canadian Minister of the Environment's NAFTA Advisory Council.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Bill S-211 (Modern Slavery) Resource Centre", BLG Article, October 2023
- Author, "Overlooked? Canada's new supply chain transparency law expands import ban on forced and child labour", BLG Article, May 2023
- Author, "Canada's new Russia-related sanctions", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Canada and the UK reach a "rollover" trade deal", BLG Article, November 2020
- Author, "2020 vision? U.S. election impacts for Canadian law and business", BLG Article, November 2020
- Author, "New COVID law allows delays in trade remedy proceedings, risks WTO violations", BLG Article, August 2020
- Author, "The Amended USMCA: Six Takeaways for Business", BLG Article, December 2019
- Co-moderator, "Hot topics in international sales, trade, franchising and product law," International Bar Association Annual Conference, Seoul, South Korea, September 23, 2019.
- Author, "Now the Past is Unpredictable Too: Importers Face Enhanced Risk of Retroactive Anti-dumping Duties Despite Canada's "Prospective" Trade Remedy System", BLG Article, August 2019
- Author, "Amendments to Canada's Anti-Dumping Regulations Pose New Risks for Foreign Producers and Importers", BLG Article, August 2019
- Author, "If you don't Like the Answer, Just Ignore the Rules: Government of Canada Intends to Disregard WTO Rules Limiting Repetitive Use of Safeguard Measures", BLG Article, June 2019
- Co-Author, "If you don't Like the Answer, Just Ignore the Rules: Government of Canada Intends to Disregard WTO Rules Limiting Repetitive Use of Safeguard Measures," BLG Publications, June 2019.
- Author, "Despite Canada-US Deal on Steel and Aluminum Tariffs Many Questions Remain", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Helms-Burton Act Announcement Puts Canadian Companies with Cuba Business at Risk", BLG Article, April 2019
- Author, "In a Victory for Rules-Based Trade, Canadian International Trade Tribunal Largely Rejects Steel Safeguards", BLG Article, April 2019
- Author, "U.S. Ratchets Cuba Sanctions - Greater Uncertainty for Canadians Going Forward", BLG Article, March 2019
- Co-Author "Sale and storage of goods in Canada" and "International trade in goods and services in Canada," Canada Q&As for Thomson Reuters International Trade & Commercial Transactions Global Guide, March 2019
- Author, "Potential Revival of Controversial U.S. Cuban Claims Law Creates Risks for Canadian Companies", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "Dispute Settlement in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement", BLG Article, November 2018
- Author, "USMCA Automotive Rules of Origin", BLG Article, November 2018
- Author, "WTO Panel Issues an Important Reminder That Safeguards Are Not Safe from Challenge", BLG Article, November 2018
- Author, "Implications Of The Us Midterm Election On The USMCA", BLG Article, November 2018
- Speaker, "CETA Workshop," CETA Market Access Program for EU Business, Toronto, November 8, 2018.

- Author, "The CPTPP Countdown Is On: Canada and Australia Ratify, Bringing the Agreement into Force at the End of 2018", BLG Article, October 2018
- Author, "Administration of Canada's Sanctions Regime get a Welcome Makeover", BLG Article, October 2018

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Professional Involvement

- Adjunct Professor of International Arbitration, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law
- Member, Canada's roster of NAFTA Chapter 19 panelists
- Member, Minister of the Environment's NAFTA Advisory Council
- Vice-Chair, International Trade and Customs Law Committee, International Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (International Trade/WTO (Nationwide))
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2016) of *The Legal 500* as Leading Individual (International Trade)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (International Trade/WTO)
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as the 2022 'Lawyer of the Year' in Toronto for International Trade and Finance Law
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2019) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (International Trade and Finance Law)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2015) of [The Canadian Lexpert Legal Directory](#) (International Trade Regulation)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Climate Change and Trade & Customs)
- Ontario Bar Association's 2017 Award of Excellence in International Law

Bar Admission & Education

- New York, 2000
- Ontario, 1990
- LLB, University of Toronto, 1988
- BA, McGill University, 1984



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