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Jeffrey has extensive experience providing legal advice in the context of large, complex, multi-party negotiations, as well as within competition law and international trade and investment law. His practice focuses in these areas, with particular emphasis in the following:

- state-to-state negotiations and dispute settlement
- trade policy
- domestic trade laws and economic and trade sanctions
- all manner of issues arising under the Competition Act

Jeffrey's practice also extends to other areas of international trade law and Investment, such as:

- international employee transfers
- in-bound and out-bound foreign investment
- Japan-related business transactions
- government relations

Additionally, Jeffrey also has a robust corporate law practice.

Insights & Events

- Ratification of The Canada-EU Free Trade Deal: Current Status, Next Steps, and Important Implications for Canadian and EU Companies
- Author and Presenter, “Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid: The New Rules for Hiring Foreign Workers,” client presentation, October, 2014
- Co-Author, *The New Rules of Global Trade: A Guide to the World Trade Organization*, Carswell, 1997.
- Co-Author, *International Trade & Investment Law in Canada*, Carswell, 1994.

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Roster of Dispute Settlement Panellists under the Agreement on Internal Trade, 2004 - 2018
- Roster of Dispute Settlement Panellists under the BC-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, 2006 - present
- Roster of Dispute Settlement Panellists under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, 2010 - present
- Roster of Dispute Settlement Panellists under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, 2018 - present
- Roster of Dispute Settlement Panellist under NAFTA Chapter Nineteen, 2017 - present

Community Involvement

- Chair, British Columbia Wine Authority (independent regulatory body), 2007 - 2019
- Coach, North Shore Girls Soccer Club, 2008 - 2016

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2021 (and 2019) edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Competition/Antitrust Law).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Who's Who Legal Guide to the World's Leading Trade and Customs Lawyers*
- Recognized in the 2020 (and since 2013) editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (International Trade Regulation).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Competition/Antitrust Law).
- Recognized in the 2017 edition of the *Lexpert® US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Guide*.
- Recommended in the 2017 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada* (International Trade).
- Recognized in Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading International Trade Lawyers*.

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 1990
- LLM, University of Toronto, 1989



- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 1988

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