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### George N. Addy

George Addy is the partner leading the firm's competition and international trade law group. His practice covers all aspects of competition law, including strategic advice and representation before competition authorities in Canada and abroad in relation to cartels, mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and abuse of dominance and other reviewable trade practices.

George is frequently consulted by Canadian and foreign-based clients and law firms on the competition law aspects of major mergers in virtually every sector of the economy, including financial services, energy, communications, transportation, services, retail, food and agricultural. George's practice also includes advice and representation in relation to the range of criminal matters under the *Competition Act*, Investment Canada matters and general administrative law. He has represented clients in numerous provincial and federal court proceedings as well as judicial inquiries and has over the years acted as counsel to private sector clients, the Canadian Competition Bureau and the Attorney General of Canada in proceedings before the Competition Tribunal and in criminal antitrust proceedings.

Prior to joining the firm, George had a distinguished career in public service, private practice and the private commercial sector. He was head of the Mergers Branch of the Competition Bureau from 1989-1993 and was appointed by Cabinet to head the Competition Bureau in 1993, a position he held until 1996. As a leading expert in competition and antitrust law and head of Canada's competition agency, George represented Canada internationally at bilateral and multilateral meetings. At the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), he was Chair of the Competition Law and Policy Working Party and was co-Chair of the OECD's Joint Trade and Competition Law Group. George returned to the private sector in 1996 as Executive Vice President and Chief General Counsel with TELUS Inc., Canada's second largest telecommunications company. George later returned to private practice and joined the firm in 2002.

Consistently listed as one of the most frequently recommended competition law practitioners in the *Canadian LEXPERT Directory*, George is also included in the 2006 LEXPERT/American Lawyer Media's *Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* and in LEXPERT's *Guide to the Leading 100 Canada/US Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* (2005). He is recognized as a leading competition law counsel in Law Business Research's *Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers* (2002/03 and 2003/04) and is cited in Chambers Global's *The World's Leading Lawyers* (2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06) as a leading individual in competition/antitrust law and 'rated highly among peers as a "perceptive analyst"' and a "terrific" lawyer. George has been recognized as a highly recommended practitioner in Canada by *Global Counsel 3000* in 2002/03 and 2003/04 and as a world leading competition/antitrust law practitioner in Euromoney Legal Media Group's *The Best of the Best 2004*.

George is a Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Policy Committee. George is a member of the CBA, ABA and IBA and is an active member of numerous committees dealing with sectoral, legal and business issues. As a Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Board of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC), he continues to ensure that a private sector perspective is included in policy development initiatives undertaken by the OECD.

Fluently bilingual, George has spoken widely and published extensively in Canada, the United States and abroad on the subjects of competition law, trade practices and the interface between competition policy and trade policy. He is the co-author of the first Canadian loose-leaf service on competition law, *Competition Law Service*, published by Canada Law Book Limited. He has also made submissions and testified before House of Commons and Senate Committees on competition policy, financial services, communications, transport and other legislative matters.

George obtained both a B.A. in 1974 and an LL.B. in 1977 from the University of Ottawa.