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education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 2012
- Other, Controlled Goods Program - Designated Official certification - 2017
- University of Ottawa, JD - 2011
- University of Guelph, B.Sc. (Hons) - 2003

practice areas

international trade
litigation
administrative law
anti-dumping and anti-subsidy remedies
customs regulation
government procurement
appellate advocacy
product liability
payments and money services

industries

applied technology
automotive
manufacturing, distribution and retail

profile

Jonathan is a regulatory advocate and commercial litigator. He thrives on the challenge and satisfaction of helping businesses create value by successfully navigating complex legal and regulatory regimes.

A major component of Jonathan's practice is international trade law, particularly before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal and Canada Border Services Agency on anti-dumping/subsidy and government procurement proceedings. Jonathan also has experience in other complex economics-based regulatory proceedings, including before the Copyright Board.

Jonathan regularly advises and represents clients in dealings with administrative decision makers, such as in relation to customs, tariffs, import/export controls and economic sanctions matters. Jonathan's regulatory work also includes challenging government actions and decisions through judicial review, leading to Jonathan having worked on dozens of proceedings before the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal.

He has assisted a wide range of clients, ranging from multibillion-dollar transnationals based in the US, Japan or India and their Canadian subsidiaries, to local growing businesses. Jonathan's clients come from a variety of industries, including manufacturing, information technology and automotive.

Jonathan has appeared before all levels of the Ontario courts in commercial disputes, including on appellate matters. Jonathan has successfully acted as counsel in trials (including obtaining punitive damages) and in a variety of motions, including interlocutory injunctions and motions for contempt.

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His advocacy skills led to great success in international moot court competitions. In his third year of law school, Jonathan and his team placed first of almost 300 law schools in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration moot in Austria. In his second year, Jonathan and his team placed second in the world in the European Law Students' Association WTO international trade law moot.

directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Bar Association – National Section of International Law (Executive Committee member)
- Vice Chair, American Bar Association Section of International Law - Canada Committee
- Law Society of Upper Canada

representative matters

- *Complaint by CGI Information Systems And Management Consultants Inc.* File Nos. PR-2014-006, PR-2014-015 and PR-2014-020 (CITT)
- *Complaint by Knowledge Circle*, File No. PR-2013-014 (CITT)
- *Complaint by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Consulting Inc. and Pricewaterhousecoopers LLP*, File Nos. PR-2013-005 and PR-2013-008 (CITT)
- *Professional Computer Consultants Group v Department of the Environment*, File No. PR-2012-016 (CITT)
- *Dumping and Subsidizing of Oil Country Tubular Goods from China*, RR-2014-003 (CITT)
- *Dumping and Subsidizing of Concrete Reinforcing Bar from China, Korea and Turkey*, NQ-2014-001 (CITT)
- *Dumping of Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Plate from Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Denmark, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea*, NQ-2013-005 (CITT)
- *Dumping of Circular Copper Tube from Brazil, China, Greece, Korea and Mexico*, NQ-2013-004 (CITT)
- *Dumping of Galvanized Steel Wire from China, Israel and Spain*, NQ-2013-001 (CITT)
- *Dumping and Subsidizing of Seamless Casing Oil and Gas Well Casing from China*, RR-2012-002 (CITT)
- *Dumping and subsidizing of Pup Joints from China*, NQ-2011-001 (CITT)
- Commercial Radio - SOCAN 1.A (2011-2013); Re:Sound (2012-2014); CSI (2012-2013); AVLA/SOPROQ (2012-2017); ARTISTI (2012-2014) (Copyright Board)
- CSI - Online Music Services (2011-2012); SOCAN Tariff

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22.A - Online Music Services (2011-2012); SODRAC Tariff 6
- Online Music Services, Music Videos (2010-2012)
(Copyright Board)

- *NLG 2011 Inc. v. Central 1 Credit Union*, 2014 ONCA 508
- *Square v. David*, 2012 FC 624

awards and rankings

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2020 as a leader in Trade & Customs
- Recognized by *Chambers Canada (2021)* as a leading lawyer in the area of International Trade / WTO
- Recognized by the Best Lawyers in Canada (2021) as a leading lawyer in the area of International Trade and Finance Law
- Recognized by Chambers Global (2020) as a leading lawyer in the area of International Trade /WTO
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2019 as a leader in Trade & Customs
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- Recognized by *Chambers Global (2019)* as a leading lawyer in the area of International Trade / WTO
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2018* — Trade & Customs
- Recognized by *Chambers Canada 2019* as a leader in International Trade/WTO
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2019)* as a leading lawyer in the area of International Trade & Finance Law
- Recognized as an Associate to Watch in Chambers Canada, 2018
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2017* — Trade & Customs
- *Who's Who Legal: 2017* — Trade & Customs
- Legal Media Group's 2017 Rising Stars for International Trade
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2016* — Trade & Customs
- Winner - Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot – 2011 (Vienna, Austria)
- Second place – International Round of European Law Students' Association WTO trade law moot – 2010 (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)

media mentions

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- "[Lawyers expect recommendations about steel safeguards](#)", *Law Times*, April 1, 2019
- "[CUSMA could encourage digital trade](#)", *Law Times*, April 1, 2019
- "[Businesses should consider assistance post-NAFTA](#)" by Meagan Gillmore, *Law Times*, August 6, 2018
- "[Canadian International Trade Tribunal Releases Finding in Injury Inquiry](#)", *Big Suits, Lexpert*, July/August 2015
- "[Unlicensed paralegal uses Small Claims Court to commit fraud](#)" by Siobhan McClelland, *Law Times*, August 13, 2012

publications

August 2020

Aluminum Tariff Deja Vu? What is different this time.
International Trade Bulletin

March 2020

Will Modern Slavery Legislation Become a Reality in Canada?
International Trade Bulletin

August 2019

Canada's New Export Brokering Regime
International Trade Bulletin

June 2019

NICARAGUA ALERT - Canada Imposes Sanctions on Certain
Nicaraguan Officials
International Trade Bulletin

October 2018

What's in a name – the USMCA is the new NAFTA
International Trade Bulletin

July 2018

Surtax! What To Do Now
International Trade Bulletin

June 2018

Tit for Tat
International Trade Bulletin

January 2018

The Comprehensive and Progressive
TPP – Countering The Pressures for Protectionism
International Trade Bulletin

February 2016

Procurement complaints against the government: more than just
bid challenges
Procurement Bulletin

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February 2016

The Persian Conversion: New rules for doing business in Iran
International Trade Bulletin

September 2015

The Impact of New Transatlantic Trade Agreements on
Commercial and Investment Transactions
Business Law International

November 2014

Canadian Government Suppliers: Getting in Trouble Abroad
May Cause Problems At Home
Government Procurement Bulletin

presentations

September 2019

Recent Developments in Global Trade
Webinar

March 2018

How to Navigate Government Procurement in Canada
Webinar

April 2017

All Hands on Deck: Navigating the Tricky Waters of the Federal
Government's New Integrity Regime of Public Procurement
The Canadian Bar Association, Webinar