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Randall Hofley Joins Blakes

Randall Hofley is joining Blakes leading Competition, Antitrust & Foreign Investment Group and its Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group as a Partner.

"Our competition practice is experiencing unprecedented levels of activity," said Brock Gibson, the Firm's Chair. "Randall has extensive expertise and experience in all aspects of competition law and litigation and will add strength to this group, which is already recognized as the leading competition law practice in Canada."

Randall Hofley, who is ranked as a leading lawyer in competition law and competition litigation by *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, is a former Special Counsel to the Commissioner of Competition and a senior federal law litigator and counsel, notably in the competition law area. Among other things, he was the successful lead litigation counsel for the Commissioner of Competition before the Federal Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada in the Canada Pipe case, a precedent-setting Canadian antitrust decision.

As Special Counsel to the Commissioner of Competition, Mr. Hofley also played a significant role in legislative and policy reform in the areas of mergers, cartels and abuse of dominance, as well as advising on major Bureau enforcement matters. He was also a key architect of a number of the new changes to the *Competition Act*.

In private practice spanning almost 20 years, Mr. Hofley has represented clients before the Competition Bureau in numerous merger, cartel and abuse of dominance cases and has developed an extensive regulatory litigation practice before federal tribunals such as the Competition Tribunal, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and the Copyright Board, as well as Canada's Federal and Supreme Courts. At the outset of his career, Mr. Hofley served as Law Clerk to (now) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Beverley McLachlin.

Cal Goldman, who chairs the Competition Group at Blakes, and who formerly was head of the Competition Bureau, says, "Randall's successful track record in contested competition litigation speaks for itself. We see him as a strategic complement to our group's continued delivery of best-in-class representation in challenging *Competition Act* cases, including high-profile mergers."

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