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In addition to senior positions with the Government of Canada, he practised in New York with Debevoise & Plimpton and was a Special Adviser with the European Commission in Brussels in the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs and the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (VAT Directorate).

In litigation he has represented Canada in international and domestic arbitrations, and more than a dozen references and other cases to the Supreme Court of Canada and provincial Courts of Appeal, from the *Anti-Inflation Reference* (1976) to the *Securities References* (2010 and 2016), cases primarily dealing with division of powers issues in fiscal, tax and regulatory matters.

With prime responsibility for the legislative process for tax and financial institutions legislation at the Department of Finance, he was centrally involved in the implementation and passage of the General Anti-Avoidance Rule, the Goods & Services Tax, the Harmonized Sales Tax, and the Winding Up and Restructuring Act. At the Department of Justice he had prime responsibility for the passage of statutes such as the State Immunity Act, the Commercial Arbitration Act, and the Income Tax Conventions Interpretation Act.

In the field of private International Law, he was Chair of the federal Advisory Committee on Private International Law, and led Canadian delegations to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), The Hague Conference on Private International Law, and Unidroit. He was head of the Canadian delegation negotiating the Hague Convention on Trusts, the Special Commission on the Operation of the Child Abduction Convention, the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, and the Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes.

During the 2008-2009 financial crisis, he acted as Secretary to the G-20 Working Group on Enhancing Sound Regulation and Strengthening Transparency in the Financial Sector, and served as Special Advisor to the Justice and Finance Departments on Banking and Financial Institutions Law. He was also a Special Advisor to the Canadian Securities Transition Office and is a member for Canada of the International Monetary Law Committee of the International Law Association (MOCOMILA.org).

He has lectured at institutions such as Cambridge, Cornell, Harvard/Brookings, the American Bar Association, the OECD, the World Bank, and the Bank for International Settlements, and has published widely, on subjects such as State Immunity, Continental shelf jurisdiction, international commercial arbitration, sovereign debt, central bank governance, and directors' liability.

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