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A leading lawyer in his field, Omar has deep understanding of competition law and foreign investment matters and extensive experience that spans industries, giving clients creative, tailored advice across business-critical transactions, discrete matters and investigations.

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Overview

Omar is co-chair of the firm's Competition and Foreign Investment Review Practice and advises international and domestic clients on all aspects of competition law and foreign investment matters.

In his competition practice, Omar provides strategic advice to firms involved in mergers, cartel and abuse of dominance investigations under the *Competition Act*.

In his foreign investment review practice, Omar advises clients on net benefit and national security reviews under the *Investment Canada Act*. He has represented numerous foreign investors, including state-owned enterprises, as well as domestic targets in acquisition transactions.

Omar works with clients active in a wide range of business sectors, including automotive parts, agricultural products, chemicals, consumer products, energy, financial services, grocery retailing, manufacturing, media, metals and mining, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and transportation.

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Omar is an excellent adviser with a deep knowledge of the law, great experience and the ability to give clear and concise practical advice with a focus on reaching our commercial goals.

—CHAMBERS CANADA, 2024

Featured Work

Acquisition of Canada's leading Northern airline

Torys acted as counsel to Exchange Income Corporation in its C\$205 million acquisition of Bradley Air Services Limited, operating as Canadian North, from Makivvik Corporation and Inuvialuit Development Corporation

Creation of a premier diversified global agribusiness solutions company

Torys acted as Canadian counsel to Viterra and its shareholders in its US\$34 billion merger with Bunge Limited to create a global agribusiness solutions company, a deal which won *Global Competition Review's* 2025 Merger Control Matter of the Year — Americas

Sale of key global player in the premium pet food industry

Torys acted as counsel to Champion Petfoods in its sale to Mars Petcare, part of Mars, Incorporated

KKR & Co., as co-counsel, in the proposed sale of its 40% interest in Pembina Gas Infrastructure Inc. to funds managed by Apollo Global Management

TMX Group in its proposed US\$300 million (C\$409 million) acquisition of Middlebury Holdings Pty. Limited (Cboe Australia) and Cboe Canada Holdings, ULC (Cboe Canada), a provider of equities trading venues, listing venues and market data solutions

Anglo American in its proposed merger of equals with Teck Resources to create a US\$57 billion global critical minerals champion and the fifth largest copper producer in the world

Brookfield and its portfolio company Schoeller Allibert, as Canadian counsel, in Schoeller Allibert's merger with IPL Plastics to create IPL Schoeller, an international sustainable packaging solutions provider

Canadian Western Bank in its C\$5.3 billion sale to National Bank of Canada, one of the six largest banks in Canada

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Recognition and Awards

2016-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in competition/antitrust

2012-2024 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in competition/antitrust

2018-2026 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in competition and antitrust

2010-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in competition/antitrust law

2022	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —competition/antitrust law lawyer of the year (Toronto)
2016-2024	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in competition law
2016-2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in competition law
2018-2023	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> —Foreign Investment Control; Thought Leader: Global Elite in competition and foreign investment control; Thought Leader in competition
2019	<i>Lexpert's Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada</i> —Most frequently recommended in business issues
2008	<i>Global Competition Review</i> —40 under 40

Insights

Prove it: *Competition Act* amendments require companies to back up environmental claims

New provisions put companies' claims of environmental protection to the test.

[Canada proposes to expand application of Investment Canada Act to foreign banks and move forward with expanding fintech investment powers](#)

[Competition Bureau settlements in retirement home acquisitions highlight focus on market shares in merger reviews](#)

[The key trends shaping Canada's mining industry in 2026](#)

[Canadian M&A outlook for 2026](#)

[Climate disclosure at a crossroads: 2025 climate disclosure report](#)

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News

Chambers Canada ranks 81% of Torys' Canadian partners in its 2026 guide

We are pleased to share that 127 Torys lawyers and 40 practice areas have been recognized in this year's guide, including 16 Band 1 rankings.

Canadian Mining Magazine publishes Torys Quarterly piece on foreign investment reviews in mining

[176 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2026 Best Lawyers guide](#)

[Torys wins Merger Control Matter of the Year at the 2025 GCR Awards](#)

[Canada tightens guidelines around foreign investment amidst evolving trade environment](#)

[81% of Torys' Canadian partners ranked by Chambers Canada](#)

[179 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2025 Best Lawyers guide](#)

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Professional Involvement

Omar is the author of the two leading competition law texts, *The Annotated Competition Act* and *The Annotated Investment Canada Act*, both published annually by Thomson Carswell. He is a non-practising member of the Law Society of England and Wales.

Omar is a member of the Executive Committee of Canadian Bar Association's National Competition Law Section and is past-chair of the Section's Mergers and Foreign Investment Review committees. He is also a member of the Foreign Investment Review Committee and the Mergers Committee of the Competition Law Section for the Canadian Bar Association. In addition, he is a member of the Antitrust Law Section and International Law Section for the American Bar Association, as well as for the International Bar Association.

Omar is also a member of the CD Howe Institute's Competition Policy Council and the Practical Law Canada Advisory Board. He is also a private-sector adviser to the International Competition Network, a multijurisdictional organisation that seeks to facilitate effective international cooperation in competition law enforcement.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

EC Competition Law, Postgraduate Diploma, 2004

University of London, King's College London

LLM (European Union competition law), 1996

Stockholm University

LLB, 1994

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BA, 1991

University of Western Ontario

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