

Stikeman Elliott invites you to a breakfast seminar

Communications with Your Competitors and Trade Associations: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Thursday, February 16, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Ottawa, Ontario

To remain competitive and ahead of others in the evolving economy, Canadian companies have had to adjust their business strategies. This often means businesses are engaged in joint activities or are combining capabilities and resources with competitors in order to accelerate the pace of innovation and grab market share. Similarly, trade associations can advance common issues, but members and executives need to understand the rules or risk criminal allegations. The Competition Bureau has published Competitor Collaboration Guidelines, but some tricky issues remain.

Join us for an informative and engaging presentation from partners in our Competition & Foreign Investment Group, along with senior executives from the Competition Bureau, to gain insight into the do's and don'ts of competitor collaboration / trade associations, and to go behind the headlines on some recent enforcement proceedings brought by the Bureau.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Hard core cartels – the “don'ts” of section 45
- Competitor collaborations – the “maybe's” of section 90.1
- How the Bureau builds a case
- Why the Bureau chooses to pursue criminal vs. civil
- Cartel investigations – what to do if you are the target of a criminal investigation
- Trade associations – how can you protect your members?
- Compliance programs – what you need in place to avoid risk

Location:

The Rideau Club
99 Bank Street
15th Floor, Main Dining Room
Ottawa, Ontario

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Alex Bittner (416) 814-6755 or abittner@stikeman.com

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OUR SPEAKERS

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Matthew Boswell

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Katherine L. Kay

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Who should attend:

In-house counsel, CEOs, Presidents, VPs, Directors and Managers, trade association executives

SCHEDULE

7:30 am – Breakfast and Registration
8:00 am – Presentations and Q&A
9:45 am – Closing Remarks

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