

MESSAGE FROM THE FORMER PUBLISHER

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The publication by the Canadian Bar Association National Competition Law Section of this issue marks an exciting new chapter in the history of the *Canadian Competition Record* (with this issue, re-named the *Canadian Competition Law Review*).

The first issue of the *Canadian Competition Policy Record*¹ appeared in June 1980, the creation of J. William Morrow, who was editor until June 1986 – the year that the *Competition Act*, with major amendments to competition law enforcement including merger review provisions, came into force triggering a greater interest in Canadian competition law and increased demand for lawyers with experience in competition law.

In 1986, Fraser Milner Casgrain Legal Publications Inc.² became publisher, with Lawson Hunter, a former Director of Investigation and Research under the *Competition Act*, acting as editor. Although associated with our law firm, the Record's mandate was to encourage discussion and report objectively on current developments in competition policy areas including enforcement matters under the *Combines Investigation Act*. To further this mandate, an editorial advisory board was established which included respected academics, lawyers and other professionals including representatives from the U.S. In those days, the Record did not compete with electronic media, and news of significant enforcement developments from Canada, the U.S., Europe and virtually any country that has anything resembling a competition law did not appear on our screens and mobile devices within minutes of their occurrence, at all hours of the day.

Subsequent editors of the Record included Sandra Simpson,³ Randal Hughes, Jennifer Trent, Susan Paul and Barry Zalmanowitz, with Jennifer Trent doing much of the heavy lifting from 1999 to 2010.

Over the years, the editorial advisory board and contributors included the best and the brightest lawyers, academics, enforcement officials and professionals who had one thing in common: a keen interest in promoting an understanding and the development of Canadian competition law and policy.

While the Record continued to be the only publication devoted to Canadian competition law and policy, with many good writers willing to contribute articles, we at FMC involved in the publication of the Record concluded that a change was necessary to take it to the next level. Notwithstanding the availability of excellent foreign journals and an abundance of electronic sources of news and discussion groups there is still a need for a forum for serious, in-depth and scholarly articles about competition law and policy from a uniquely Canadian perspective.

As an active member and past chair of the Canadian Bar Association National Competition Law Section, I was aware of the similarity of the Section's mandate to that of the Record. I, along with many others, benefited from the Section's success in promoting Canadian competition law and policy. About a year ago, I approached the Section Executive to ask if they would like to take over the publication of the Record. The response was enthusiastic.

We at FMC want to thank our subscribers and everyone involved in publishing, editing and contributing articles to the Record over the past 31 years. We are delighted to pass the legacy of the Record to the CBA National Competition Law Section and wish the new editors and publishers of the Canadian Competition Law Review every success.

Endnotes

¹In 1993 the name was changed to the Canadian Competition Record.

²Formerly, Fraser & Beatty Legal Publications Inc.

³Now, the Honourable Madame Justice Simpson of the Federal Court and Chair of the Competition Tribunal.