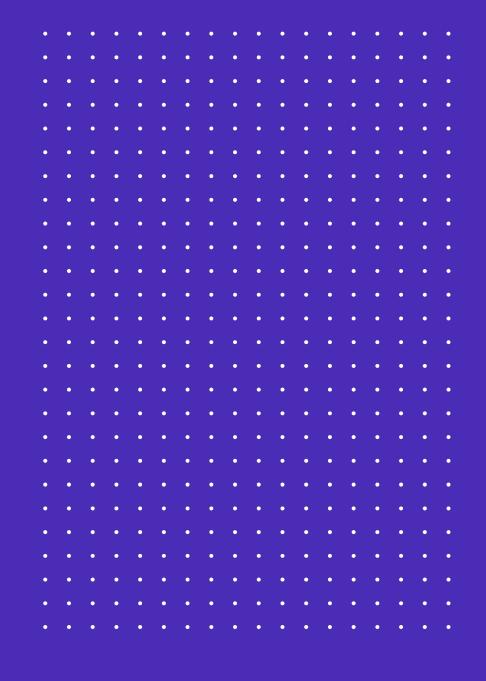
Direct Selling Compliance at Federal and Provincial Levels

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Roadmap

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About Us

Full service law firm headquartered in London, Ontario

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Over 90 lawyers working in over 25 specialized practice areas

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Michael Weinberger

Associate

Practice Focuses on Direct Selling and MLM Industry

Fluent in Spanish, French, German

Called to the Bar in Ontario



Involvement in the Direct Selling Industry

- Member of Canadian DSA
- Advising Direct Sales Clients since the 1990s
- Advise MLMs both large and small
- Subject Matter Experts



Understanding the Canadian Landscape

- The Competition Bureau, i.e. the Canadian FTC
- The Commissioner of the Competition Bureau, i.e. the Chairperson of the Federal Trade Commission
- The Provinces



The Written Opinion

What is it?

What gets reviewed?

Why does everyone get it?



Why is this so important?

- People Business
- Trust
- Legitimacy
- Leaders



So now what?



The Provinces





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Provincial Rules

- Written Opinion Required?
 - Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
- ISC Licenses
 - Variety of provinces
- ISC ID Cards
 - A few of provinces
- Bonding
 - Most, but not all provinces
- Mandatory Direct Selling Wording



Timelines

Competition Bureau

- Hourglass Sideways
- Provinces: Weeks to months
- Cosmetics?
- NHPs?
- Trademarks?



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 - Crawl, Walk, Run
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