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Jennifer is Co-Chair of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions Group and founder and Co-Chair of the Sports, Media & Entertainment Group. She also serves as Global Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Women Lawyers' Committee. Jennifer is recognized as a leading Canadian corporate lawyer by multiple legal ranking organizations including *Best Lawyers in Canada, The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* and the *Top 40 Lawyers Under 40*. She has also been named one of the 2024 Top 25 Women of Influence by Women of Influence+. Jennifer is called upon frequently to speak internationally on matters relating to corporate law and governance, leadership and gender equity.

Jennifer's extensive business law experience and dedication to client service makes her a trusted advisor who provides strategic advice on a wide array of domestic, cross border and international matters. She has a corporate practice that focuses on all areas of business law, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, reorganizations, complex commercial matters and ongoing general corporate advice in a variety of sectors including sports, hospitality, manufacturing, technology, real estate and financial services.

After competing at the national and international levels in tennis, Jennifer remains dedicated to the business of sport through her work with Tennis Canada and other key global leadership positions. Jennifer is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Tennis Canada and currently serves on the Executive Board and as Chair of the Nominating Committee. She is also a member of the International Tennis Federation's Davis Cup committee, a key committee that has oversight over the premiere global team event for men's tennis after having served on the Billie Jean Cup committee from 2019-2021. In 2022, Jennifer was appointed to the Canadian Olympic Committee's Ethics and Governance committee, a position she holds with great pride. Jennifer fuels her passion for giving back to sport as Chair of the Board of the Doug Philpott Inner-City Children's Tennis Federation, the only tennis charity in Canada dedicated exclusively to children in priority needs neighbourhoods serving over 8,500 participants each year. Jennifer is an ambassador for Tennis Canada's Game. Set. Equity initiative. She was inducted into the Canada Games Hall of Honour as a Distinguished Alum during the 2025 Canada Games, and was inducted into the Newfoundland & Labrador Tennis Hall of Fame as an athlete and a builder in 2022.

Expertise

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- > Corporate/Commercial

Industries

> Sports, Media & Entertainment

Jennifer A. Bishop



Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in Canada in Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2021-2026
- Inducted into the Canada Games Hall of Honour as a Distinguished Alum during the Canada Games, 2025
- > Recipient, Top 25 Women of Influence Awards, 2024
- > Recognized in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in the area of Corporate Commercial Law and Corporate Mid-Market
- > Recognized as one of Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40, 2010
- > Recipient, J.W. Whiteside Award for outstanding commitment and service to the Faculty of Law, Legal Professional and Community, 1999

Professional Involvement

Memberships

- > Global Co-Chair, Women Lawyers' Committee, International Bar Association
- > International Bar Association
- > Sports Lawyers Association
- > Women in Sports and Events
- > American Bar Association (Business Law Section)
- > Law Society of Ontario
- > Ontario Bar Association (Business Law, Corporate Counsel)

Community Involvement

- Advisory Board, Holt Xchange Media, Sports & Entertainment Fintech Fund
- > Member, International Tennis Federation, Davis Cup Committee
- > Executive Board Member, Tennis Canada
- > Chair of the Board of Directors, The Doug Philpott Inner-City Children's Tennis Fund
- > Member, International Tennis Federation, Billie Jean King Cup Committee
- > Member of the Board of Directors, Toronto Swim Club, 2017 2019
- > Past President of the Board of Directors, Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, 2016 2017
- Member of the Advisory Board, Smiling Land Foundation, 2008 2014
- > Member of the Board of Directors, Live to Give Relief Organization (Dress for Success), 2009 2010

Education

- LLB, University of Windsor, 1999
- > BA, University of South Florida, 1993