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Canada's telecommunication industry is as connected as it is regulated. Consisting of six sectors: local, long distance, Internet, wireless, data, and private line, the telecommunications sector remains subject to a significant degree of government oversight in Canada. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the Competition Bureau, the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and Canadian Heritage all contribute in different ways to the oversight and support of organizations in this industry. In navigating this field, it is important to be advised by lawyers who understand the regulatory landscape and the opportunities and challenges of operating within it.

WeirFoulds acts as counsel to media companies, carriers, government departments, Internet service providers, content producers and users. Our lawyers have extensive experience advising on the statutory, case law and policy instruments applicable to this field. We help clients ensure compliance with complex regulatory requirements, such as anti-spam legislation, lawful access requirements and domestic content conditions. We engage our telecommunications experts on mergers, acquisitions and privatizations occurring within the sector. We also represent clients in judicial review applications and appeals.

We take a multi-disciplinary approach to our telecommunications files. We engage our public, regulatory, corporate, commercial, intellectual property and competition law experts as necessary to ensure our clients receive excellent advice that is tailored to their needs.

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