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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, BSc, 1975

York University, MBA, 1977

University of Windsor, LLB, 1980

ADR Institute of Ontario, certified as
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BAR ADMISSIONS

Ontario, 1982

Darrel Pearson helps clients navigate their most complex international trade and investment law issues in an unpredictable global environment. He has more than four decades of experience in the movement of goods, services and intellectual property across international borders—and resolving disputes with government agencies before Canadian Tribunals and Courts, and international treaty fora.

Darrel is head of the firm's international trade and investment practice. He uses his wealth of experience to provide clients with creative solutions and novel approaches to their trade matters. Clients value his extraordinary ability to look at rapidly evolving trade and investment issues from all perspectives. His thorough knowledge of the international trading system helps clients adapt and thrive in a world where many of the rules of global trade are being rewritten.

Darrel is a highly respected thought leader and frequent author and speaker on Canadian international trade law issues in Canada and abroad. He has mentored numerous lawyers who are now in leadership positions in trade and investment law.

"He has strong leadership, understands our business and our issues and is an excellent mentor for the lawyers in succession."

What Clients Say

Darrel's practice includes :

- trade remedies,
- customs,
- international trade treaty matters,
- export regulation,
- sanctions and controls,
- goods and services taxes,
- government procurement dispute resolution and settlement,
- tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade,
- cross-border trade strategies,
- internal and external audits,
- compliance advice, and
- customs transfer pricing practices.

Darrel has represented Canadian and international clients in more than 200 trade remedy matters involving goods exported to Canada from all over the world. He has pleaded some of the most important customs and trade remedy cases heard by Canadian Tribunals and Courts, including two cases heard by the Supreme Court of Canada .

"His experience is clearly unrivalled - he has had a career that very few in this country have had."

What Clients Say

Complementing his international trade and investment practice, Darrel is a qualified arbitrator of international commercial and investment treaty disputes and is appointed to the Roster for Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) Binational Panels. He is internationally recognized as a leading international trade practitioner in multiple independent legal directories, and is consistently ranked Band 1 in Chambers Global and The Legal 500.