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an interview by Joe Murphy

Terence Stechysin (terence.stechysin@canada.ca) was interviewed in April 2018 by **Joe Murphy** (joemurphycccep@gmail.com), a Senior Advisor at Compliance Strategists, SCCE's Director of Public Policy, Editor-in-Chief of Compliance & Ethics Professional magazine, and a paid advisor to the Competition Bureau.

JM: Could you tell us what your role is at the Bureau?

TS: Currently, I am the Competition Bureau's Director of Compliance. In my role, I lead the Bureau's Compliance Unit, where I'm responsible for promoting compliance with the Competition Act and other laws enforced by the Bureau, maintaining the Bureau's compliance expertise, sharing that expertise with domestic and international enforcers and regulators, advising our enforcement teams regarding compliance matters, evaluating compliance programs that are put to the Bureau in an enforcement context, and otherwise operationalizing the Bureau's Corporate Compliance Programs bulletin. It's a job that's very challenging, yet very rewarding.

JM: In the competition law area, what is the Bureau's mission?

TS: The Competition Bureau, as an independent law enforcement agency, ensures that Canadian businesses and consumers prosper in a competitive and innovative marketplace. Headed by the Commissioner of Competition, the Bureau is responsible for the administration and enforcement of Canada's Competition Act, Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act (except as it relates to food), Textile Labelling Act, and Precious Metals Marking Act.

JM: How do compliance programs fit into the Bureau's mission?

TS: Compliance programs are a central part of our commissioner's vision for "shared compliance," where the Bureau, the legal community, and the business community each have a role to play to promote compliance with our competition laws:

- The Bureau promotes compliance through a wide variety of tools, such as publications, advocacy, suasion, and enforcement.
- The legal community promotes compliance by making clients aware of their obligations under the law.
- The business community promotes compliance by putting in place and following credible and effective compliance programs.

Through shared compliance, we believe that we can achieve immeasurably more than we ever will alone — to the benefit of consumers, businesses, and the Canadian economy — in ensuring an efficient, competitive, and open marketplace. Shared compliance helps ensure "fair play" is in the marketplace, which levels the playing field and results in increased economic development.

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