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BAR ADMISSION  
 Ontario, 2003

EDUCATION  
 University of Western Ontario, LL.B., 2002;  
 B.A., 1999

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT  
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LANGUAGE  
 English

Jim Bunting is a partner in the litigation group of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP. He is a trial lawyer with extensive experience in sports-related disputes. This includes representing athletes, coaches, agents, Anti-Doping Agencies and International Federations in respect of a variety of issues, including doping infractions, allegations of discrimination, contractual disputes, team selection appeals and disciplinary proceedings. Jim served as the Athlete Ombudsperson to the Canadian Olympic Committee during the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio and clerked with the Court of Arbitration for Sport at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

In addition to sports-related litigation, Jim has a diverse and complex commercial trial practice. Jim is consistently named one of Canada's leading litigators by legal directories. His recognitions include being repeatedly named in the Report on Business/Lexpert special edition *Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers*, in Chambers Canada as an up-and-coming lawyer in Dispute Resolution and in *Benchmark Canada* as a Litigation Star in Class Actions, Commercial Litigation and Securities. Jim has taught international sports law as an adjunct professor at the ISDE International Sports Law Masters program in Madrid, Spain.

#### REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS RELATED WORK

- Representing the World Anti-Doping Agency in a civil proceeding commenced by three Russian cyclists.
- Successfully represented the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in upholding the decision of the IPC to exclude the Russian Paralympic Committee from the 2016 Paralympic Games.
- Successfully represented Dutee Chand, an Indian-born sprinter, in a landmark international ruling by the CAS suspending the operation of the International Association Athletic Federation's Hyperandrogenism Regulation, which screens female athletes on the basis of their natural testosterone levels.
- Representing Tyson Fury (former heavyweight champion) in respect of doping allegations brought by UK Anti-Doping.
- Representing Johan Bruyneel (the former team director of the US Postal and Discovery Teams) before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in an appeal from a decision of a AAA Award imposing a ten year ban on Mr. Bruyneel.
- Representing Rogers/The Toronto Blue Jays in respect of the human rights complaint filed about the Cleveland Team name and logo.
- Represented the members of the Canadian Women's National Soccer Team creating the first Canadian Women's Player's Association as well as in a compensation dispute with the Canadian Soccer Association.
- Successfully represented a Canadian cyclist in an appeal before the CAS having a doping infraction eliminated based on a finding of "no fault".
- Represented a team in the NHL in respect of a contractual dispute.
- Acted for Rogers Sportsnet in an action for defamation brought by the former Commissioner of the Canadian Football League.
- Represented Chris Moiser, a transgender athlete, challenging an international regulation that impacted his ability to compete in the male category.
- Acted for numerous athletes before the CAS, SDRCC and National Federations in successfully having doping related suspensions substantially reduced.