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Education / Bar Admissions

Juris Doctor (*Cum Laude*), University of Ottawa, 2013

Letter of Permission Student, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2012

Master of Management of Innovation, University of Toronto, 2009

Post Baccalaureate, Faculty of Science and Engineering, York University, 2008

Bachelor of Science (*Honour Standing*), Medical Radiation, University of Toronto, 2007

Ontario, 2014

Professional Involvement

Member, Law Society of Upper Canada

Member, Ontario Bar Association

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, Current Board Director, Toronto Lawyers Association (Education Committee)

Member, The Advocates' Society

Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers Association

Member, Defence Research Institute

Member, Women Get on Board

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Edona defends corporations, insurers, and public institutions in claims arising from consumer products, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, professional negligence, disability/life/accidental death insurance, and construction disputes. She is committed to providing strategic and pragmatic solutions in every case through an integrated blend of preparation and understanding of her client's business. Edona regularly advocates on behalf of clients and has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, including the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Edona's previous legal experience includes working within the in-house legal departments of a global pharmaceutical company and two leading Ontario hospitals. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Edona worked as a Management Consultant with a focus in the health care industry and as a Medical Radiation Technologist at five teaching and community hospitals in Ontario.

Edona's academic training in life and medical radiation sciences, and graduate degree in management of innovation, assist her in the defence of claims involving complex scientific and technical factual matrix.

In addition to serving as a mentor to law students at BLG, Edona enjoys contributing to the legal community. She has a special interest in the intersection of innovation and the law, as well as promoting diversity and inclusion in the profession. She serves on the Board of the Toronto Lawyers Association.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Representing drug manufacturers related to pharmaceutical product litigation as a result of alleged adverse reactions.
- Acting as litigation counsel for automobile manufacturers alleging product defects.
- Representing medical device manufacturer in claims involving design manufacturing, and marketing defects.
- Representing manufacturers in fire loss claims related to alleged product defects.
- Acting as litigation counsel in the defence of professional negligence and

Community Involvement

Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program

Pro Bono Duty Counsel, Law Help Ontario

breach of contract claims against engineers, architects, and other design professionals.

- Acting as litigation counsel for public institutions, including municipalities, in relation to infrastructure and professional negligence disputes.
- Defending insurers in litigation arising from denials of long term and short term disability benefits.
- Representing insurers and insureds on subrogated and non-subrogated claims.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "[Where are we with the Languishing Class Action Cases?](#)", *BLG Publications*, March 2019.
- Presenter, "[Product Recalls: Practical Guide and Insurance Issues](#)", Insurance Institute of Ontario, March 26, 2019.
- Presenter, "The Law of Internet of Things, Law and Business Case Conference", Ryerson University, February 2, 2019.
- Presenter, "[The 360 View on Autonomous Vehicles](#)", Insurance Institute of Ontario, February 7, 2019
- Co-Author, "[The Legal Crystal Ball: Autonomous Vehicles Developments to Watch for In 2019](#)", *The Sensor: Legal Insights Into Autonomous Vehicles*, January 2019.
- Co-author, "[Ontario Expands its Automated Vehicles Regulatory Framework](#)", *BLG Publications*, January 2019.
- Co-Author, "[Spotlight on Medical Implant Devices Spurs Regulatory Changes](#)", *BLG Publications*, December 2018.
- Co-Author, "[Ontario Superior Court Filters Out Proposed Medical Implant Device Class Action](#)", *BLG Publications*, December 2018.
- Co-Author, "[Insuring Automated Vehicles: Insurance Bureau of Canada Recommends 'Single Insurance Policy'](#)", *The Sensor: Legal Insights into Autonomous Vehicles*, November 2018.
- Moderator, "Automated Vehicles", The Future is Here- Opportunities and Challenges Arising from Innovation, 18th Annual Regulatory Affairs Symposium, Insurance Bureau of Canada, November 15, 2018.
- Co-Presenter, "[Insurance in the era of IoT: Risks and Opportunities](#)", Insurance Institute of Ontario, September 28, 2018.
- Co-Author, "Product Liability of Digital Health Technologies: A Canadian perspective on Regulatory and Litigation Developments", *Healthcare and Life Sciences Law News (Vol 3, No 1, September 2018)*, *Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee of the Legal Practice Division of the International Bar Association* (with Glenn Zakaib).
- Speaker, "An Overview of a Civil Action", BLG Seminar, August 14, 2018.
- Panelist, "Robotics and the Law", *BLG Seminar*, August 1, 2018.
- Co-Author, "[Destructive Testing Marks Start of Two-Year Limitation Period in Product Claim](#)", *ITL Bulletin*, August 2018.

- Co-Author, New Guidelines from Transport Canada on Automated Vehicle Testing, *BLG Publications*, July 2018.
- Co-Author, Automated Vehicles May Revolutionize Mobility But Perhaps Not Auto Insurance, *The Sensor: Autonomous Vehicles and Auto Insurance*, July 2018.
- Co-Author, "The Resurrection of the Innovator Liability Theory in Emerging U.S. Case Law and the Threat of Novel Applications in Canada", *LifeSigns: Life Sciences Legal Trends in Canada*, June 2018.
- Co-Author, "In the Internet of Things, Opportunities Abound for Class Action Litigation", *BLG Publications*, June 20, 2018.
- Organizer, "A Fireside Chat with the Hon. Thomas Cromwell and the Hon. Dennis O'Connor: The Art of Advocacy and the Road Ahead", Toronto Lawyers Association, June 6, 2018.
- Moderator, "Fostering Women Leadership in the Legal Profession", Toronto Lawyers Association, May 10, 2018, with panelists: Fernando Garcia, Arleen Huggins, Leola Pon, and Kerry O'Reilly Wilks.
- Presenter, "Swerving Away from Cyber Risks of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles", Annual Automotive Seminar, BLG, May 3, 2018.
- Co-presenter, "Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Legal Insights", Convergence Cambridge, City of Cambridge, May 1, 2018 with George Wray.
- Co-Author, "Managing Cybersecurity Risks of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles", *The Sensor: Legal Insights Into Autonomous Vehicles*, March 2018.
- Co-Author, "Non-Parties Ordered to Produce Documents in Product Liability Class Action", *Product Liability Bulletin*, March 2018.
- Co-Author, "Discovery Challenges in Transnational Class Actions", *Law360*, March 2018.
- Co-Author, "Limitation Period Reconsidered for Failure to Appropriately Insure", *ITL Bulletin*, March 2018.
- Co-Author, "Beware of Limitation Defences on Duty to Defend Application: Enforcing the Insurance Covenant", *ITL Bulletin*, February 2018.
- Co-Author, "Court Directs That Additional Oral Evidence be Adduced on Summary Judgment Motion in Fire Loss Product Liability Claim", *ITL Bulletin*, October 2017.
- Co-Author, "Court Recognizes Contractor's Obligation to Fund the Defence of the Municipality Where the Contractor Failed to Obtain Insurance", *ITL Bulletin*, June 2017.
- Co-author, "The Resurrection of the Innovator Liability Theory in Emerging US Case Law and the Threat of Novel Applications in Canada", *Life Science Legal Trends in Canada* at page 41, June 2017.
- Panelist, "Life as a Lawyer - Law School Access Program," jointly hosted by Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law, June 2017.
- Speaker, "Innovation & Disruption: Managing the Legal Risk," BLG CPD In-House Counsel Conference, May 2017.
- Co-Speaker, "Recent Developments in Product Liability," BLG Product Liability

Symposium, April 2017.

- Co-Speaker, "Offers to Settle," BLG Municipal Liability Conference, April 2017.
- Co-Author, "Two Judicial Treatments of a Novel Question of Law: Invalidating an Occupiers' Waiver Through the Application of Ontario's Consumer Protection Legislation," *ITL Bulletin*, March 2017.
- Moderator, "Personal Injury & Insurance Nutshell Program" Toronto Lawyers Association, February 2017.
- Panelist, "Life as a Lawyer - Law School Access Program," jointly hosted by Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law, June 2016.
- Co-Author, "Hoang v Vincentini: A Cautionary Tale on the Issue of Costs and the Implications on All Parties Involved," *ITL Bulletin*, November 2016.
- Author, "Professional Liability Insurance Now Required for All Ontario Regulated Health Professions," Ontario Bar Association- Health Section, April 2014.
- Author, "Non-Compliance With Rule 53.03 Limits The Testimony Of Treating Physicians," *ITL Bulletin*, December 2013.

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Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) is a leading, national, full-service Canadian law firm focusing on business law, commercial litigation and arbitration, and intellectual property solutions for our clients. BLG is one of the country's largest law firms with more than 700 lawyers, intellectual property agents and other professionals in five cities across Canada. We assist clients with their legal needs, from major litigation to financing to trademark and patent registration.