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education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 2012
- University of Detroit Mercy , J.D. - 2011
- University of Windsor, LL.B - 2011
- University of Western Ontario, B. Mus. A. - 2008

practice areas

business litigation
environmental regulation
fraud law
intellectual property litigation
litigation
municipal and land use planning law
regulatory compliance
trademarks

industries

aboriginal law
construction
environmental regulation
greenbuild
mining
natural resources
renewables

profile

Talia is a partner in the firm's Regulatory Group. Her advocacy practice covers a broad range of corporate and commercial matters with an emphasis in the management and resolution of complex environmental and regulatory disputes. Talia represents clients from a wide range of industries dealing with matters ranging from common commercial disputes such as breach of contract, fraud and negligence to environmental matters involving recent, ongoing and historical contamination.

Talia also advises on environmental risk, liability and due diligence issues at all stages of complex real estate, business and financing transactions with a focus on getting the deal across the finish line. Her expertise in greenhouse gas emissions regimes of the federal and provincial governments as well as environmental reporting and approvals obligations allows her to assist clients with their environmental laws compliance.

With experience acting as defence counsel in a variety of regulatory and quasi-criminal federal and provincial prosecutions on behalf of individual and corporate clients, Talia is a strong defender of her clients' rights, dealing with the Crown and negotiating resolutions where appropriate in order to give clients peace of mind.

Prior to joining McMillan, Talia practiced at a mid-sized law firm in Toronto. As a musician and supporter of the Arts, Talia takes pride in her involvement in a not-for-profit community concert band in which she plays the alto saxophone.

directorships and professional associations

- Ontario Bar Association, Environmental Section Executive,

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CPD Liaison (member of Executive since 2015)

- North Toronto Community Band, Board of Directors and President (2016-2018)
- Canadian Bar Association
- Toronto Lawyers Association

representative matters

- Law Clerk to Federal Court judge in *Gitxaala Nation v. Canada* (Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities), 2012 FC 1336, involving and application by the Gitxaala First Nation regarding a breach of duty to consult by Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and the Northern Gateway Pipelines Limited Partnership in connection with a regulatory review of the Northern Gateway Pipeline project.
- Representing clients in complex multi-party environmental litigation dealing with recent, ongoing and historical contamination events.
- Investigating and advocating for property owners and occupiers in environmental contamination disputes between neighbouring properties.
- Directing investigations and coordinating environmental consulting and engineering experts for the purpose of sampling, reporting on and remediating environmentally contaminated sites.
- Providing advice on environmental law, risk and liability in multi-million dollar corporate acquisition transactions.
- Representing clients in various levels of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice involved in commercial litigation arising from fraud, breach of contract and shareholder disputes.
- Appearing at the Environmental Review Tribunal in relation to a Renewable Energy Approval appeal under the *Environmental Protection Act*.
- Negotiating access and sampling agreements with major oil and gas companies on behalf of property owners.
- Defending both companies and individuals in regulatory prosecutions under the *Environmental Protection Act*, *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*, *Safe Water Drinking Act, 2002*, *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* and various municipal by-laws.
- Representing litigants in trademark disputes arising from claims of infringement, passing off, confusion, depreciation of goodwill and other related claims under the *Trade-marks Act* and in common law in both the Superior Court of Justice and Federal Court jurisdictions.

publications

October 2020

Plan for the Ban: Canada Announces Plan to Tackle Single-Use Plastics
Environment Law Bulletin

October 2020

Expropriation of Contaminated Land and its Fair Market Valuation
Regulatory Bulletin

September 2020

Federal Government Accepts Ontario's Emissions Performance Standards (EPS) Program for Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Transition Dates to Come
Environmental Law

September 2020

Plan for the Ban: Single-Use Plastics Bans Are Rolling Out Across Canada – Are you ready?
Regulatory Bulletin

September 10, 2020

September 10, 2020 Update

Cross-Country Check-In:
COVID-19 and the Environment
Environment Law Bulletin

July 24, 2020

Update: Cross-Country Check-In: COVID-19 and the Environment
Environment Law Bulletin

May 20, 2020

Update: Cross-Country Check-In: COVID-19 and the Environment
Environment Law Bulletin

May 1, 2020

Update: Cross-Country Check-In: COVID-19 and the Environment
Environment Law Bulletin

April 15, 2020

Cross-Country Check-In: COVID-19 and the Environment
Environment Law Bulletin

August 2019

Expropriation of Contaminated Land: a Tug-of-War of Competing Interests in the "Fair Market" Valuation
Environment Bulletin

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August 2019

Ontario Announces Next Steps in Plan to Shift Costs of Plastic Recycling to Producers
Environmental Law Bulletin

February 2019

Environmental Obligations Cannot be Ignored Even in Bankruptcy: *Orphan Wells Association v Grant Thornton Ltd.*
Environmental Law Bulletin

presentations

May 21, 2020

Navigating Environmental Compliance and Risk During and After a Public Health Emergency
OBA Environmental Law Program, Online

March 5, 2020

Developments in Environmental Law for Real Estate Transactions
The Canadian Bar Association