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education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 1984
- Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB - 1982
- Trent University, BA (Hons.) - 1977

practice areas

litigation
product liability
class actions
business litigation
administrative law
product safety regulatory

industries

automotive
automotive manufacturers and distributors
suppliers
manufacturing, distribution and retail

profile

Teresa Dufort is a partner in McMillan's Litigation Group, Co-Leader of the firm's Product Liability Defence and Regulatory Group and active in the Class Action Group. She also serves as the firm's Chief Executive Officer.

Teresa's practice is heavily focused on product liability defence and products related regulatory issues. She acts as the prime Canadian counsel to numerous Canadian, American, European and Asian manufacturers and distributors of consumer and industrial products. She has extensive experience defending class actions and both individual and commercial product liability lawsuits involving a broad range of products including motor vehicles, fire and security products, medical devices, consumer products, recreational products, construction and industrial machinery, building materials and swimming pools. Teresa has significant expertise managing "same product" litigation across Canada including the defence of standards development and certification bodies in pattern litigation.

On the regulatory side, Teresa has extensive experience providing advice, and advocating on behalf of companies and trade associations, in relation to regulatory issues involving Health Canada, Transport Canada, Environment Canada (vehicle emissions) and Ontario's Electrical Safety Authority. She is Canadian regulatory counsel to numerous companies. She has handled regulatory reporting and recalls for a wide range of products and worked extensively on global recall teams with US and European counsel. Her expertise extends to motor vehicles, tires, child restraints, clothing, toys and other juvenile products, recreational vehicles, electrical appliances, power and outdoor equipment and numerous other consumer products.

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directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Defence Lawyer's Association
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization

awards and rankings

Teresa is listed among the top lawyers in her field in numerous publications and rankings including *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Chambers Canada*, the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, the *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada*, *Lexpert/ROB Litigation - Special Edition Guide*, *Guide to the World's Leading Product Liability Lawyers*, *Who's Who Legal Canada*, the *International Who's Who of International Product Liability Defence Lawyers* and *Guide to the Leading Women in Business Law*.

publications

March 2018

Motor Vehicle Safety Act amendments put transport minister in the driver's seat with new recall, investigation and penalty related powers
Automotive Bulletin

presentations

February 2015

Where and When in the World do We Report This?
ICPHSO

April 10, 2014

Cross Border Automotive Class Actions and Settlements
DRI Product Liability Conference