

RACHEL COOPER



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Rachel is described by clients as a bold advocate, who is practical, efficient, and a creative problem-solver. Her practice focuses on product liability defence and products-related regulatory issues in the automotive, industrial manufacturing and consumer products sectors. She has extensive experience defending manufacturers in product liability actions, involving products ranging from automobiles, construction, agriculture, and industrial machinery, and recreational vehicles, to fire and security products, consumer products, building materials, and juvenile products.

Rachel acts as national coordinating counsel for several manufacturing clients, managing their product liability litigation matters across Canada. She provides advice to clients in relation to the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* and routinely handles product recalls, working on global recall teams. She further provides proactive risk management advice and strategies, including warnings and manual reviews.

Rachel is recognized for her expertise in Chambers Canada as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Product Liability. She is Vice Chair of the Products Liability Section of the Federation of Defence and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and is the Chair of the Building Products Specialized Litigation Group for the Defence Research Institute (DRI).

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Expertise: Automotive, Insurance, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Manufacturing, Product Liability & Regulation

Language Spoken: English

Location: Toronto

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Position/Title: Partner, Product Liability & Regulation

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Women's Law Association of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Defence Research Institute
- American Bar Association
- Canadian Defence Lawyers (CDL)
- Federation of Defence and Corporate Counsel (FDCC)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 2009

Degree: LLB

University: University of Ottawa

Year: 2008

Degree: BA

University: University of Western Ontario

Year: 2005

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized in the 2025 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Litigation – Product Liability
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2025) as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Product Liability
- Recognized in the 2024 Lexology Index: Canada Guide as a Recommended lawyer in the area of Product Liability
- Recognized in the 2024 Lexpert Special Edition on Litigation
- Recognized in the 2024 Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence Guide
- Recognized in the 2024 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Leading Lawyer to Watch in the area of Litigation - Product Liability
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2024) as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Product Liability
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2023) as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Product Liability

Speaking Engagements:

- Moderator, Regulatory Issues Facing Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers, DRI Product Liability Conference, Denver, CO.

- February 9, 2024

- Moderator, Anatomy of a Crane Collapse, DRI Product Liability Conference, Denver, CO.

- February 7, 2024

- <https://fedspeaks360.libsyn.com/how-fdcc-members-are-getting-it-done-with-valerie-kellner-rachel-cooper>

- Panelist, "The Hound of the Class Action: Recent Class Action Development", Canadian Transport Lawyers Association, Montréal

- October 21, 2023

- Canadian Franchise Association on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- September 21, 2023

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- The Intersection of EV, ESG, and Supply Chain Issues at DRI Strictly Automotive, Washington DC

- August 18, 2023

- AMBest Insurance Professional Resources' Complimentary Webinar, Always On: How Video Surveillance is Changing Liability and Damage Evaluation

- February 16, 2023

- 2023 DRI Product Liability Conference, SLG Session 2 Building Products, HVAC Liability

- February 1, 2023

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- Project Management and Budgeting for Litigators, Project Management for Advocates: The Nuts and Bolts of putting together a plan and a budget

- November 18, 2022

- How FDCC Members Are Getting It Done with Valerie Kellner & Rachel Cooper

- November 15, 2022

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Practices: Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Product Liability & Regulation