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Wendy's practice focuses on medico-legal litigation, crisis management and sexual assault.

Wendy defends hospitals and their employees in medical negligence claims with a focus on brain injuries and civil sexual assault. Wendy also provides advice to a variety of healthcare organizations on risk management, multi-patient lookbacks and crisis management.

Wendy represents clients at all levels of the Ontario courts, tribunals, arbitrations and coroner's inquests.

Experience

- Acting for HIROC in all areas of medical negligence litigation.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Ontario introduces sexual abuse legislation for Ontario colleges and universities", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Expanding Police Powers Under the New Missing Persons Act: Implications for Health-care Organizations", BLG Article, October 2019

- Author, "Cap on Non-Pecuniary Damages Does Not Apply for Intentional Torts", BLG Article, October 2019
- Author, "New Provisions to Protect Patients from Sexual Abuse in Force on May 1, 2018", BLG Article, April 2018
- Author, "Ontario Proposes Regulations To Further Protect Patients From Sexual Abuse", BLG Article, March 2018
- Author, "Ontario Government Passes Legislation To Protect Patients From Sexual Abuse And Improve The Regulation Of Health Professionals", BLG Article, June 2017
- Presenter, “Multi-Patient Lookbacks”, HIROC Annual Conference, 2017
- Presenter, "Civil Sexual Assault Claims," HIROC U, 2016
- Chair and Co-chair, Osgoode’s Certificate in Health Law, 2014-present

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Business Leadership for Women Lawyers, Rotman School of Management
- Member, Medico-Legal Society of Toronto
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2018) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Health Care Law; Medical Negligence; Personal Injury Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2020) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Medical Negligence).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2006

- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2005

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