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Natalie Kolos is a litigator who frequently acts for municipalities, school boards, police services, transportation providers and other clients in all manner of claims.

She represents clients in complex tort litigation involving public entity defence, professional negligence, *Charter* claims, property damage and occupiers' liability. She has particular proficiency in the defence of defamation claims and has acted as counsel on a number of successful “anti-SLAPP" motions. Natalie has appeared at all levels of Court in Ontario and has acted as lead counsel at trial, on judicial review and on appeal. Outside of the courtroom, Natalie often provides practical, discreet risk management advice to both individuals and organizations.

Experience

- Acted for a school board in successfully responding to two applications for judicial review which alleged the applicants' rights to freedom of expression were infringed: *Burjoski v. Waterloo Region District School Board*, 2023 ONSC 6506 and *Ramsay v. Waterloo District School Board*, 2023 ONSC 6508
- Successfully obtained a trial judgment dismissing a claim alleging negligent investigation, malicious prosecution and breach of Charter claim against a police service and investigating officers: *McCormack v. Evans,* 2023 ONSC 4340
- Acted for defendants in three defamation actions in which successful anti-SLAPP motions were brought to dismiss the claims: *Hotspot Auto Parts v. Thompson*, 2022 ONSC 3637; *Mondal v. Evans-Bitten*, 2022 ONSC 809, aff'd 2023 ONCA 523; and *Volpe v. Wong-Tam*, 2022 ONSC 3106, aff'd 2023 ONCA 680

- Brought a successful Rule 21 motion on behalf of insurance broker defendants confirming pleadings were an abuse of process and barred by res judicata: *National Industries Inc. v. Kirkwood*, 2022 ONSC 937, aff'd 2023 ONCA 63
- Acted for a municipality in a summary judgment motion to dismiss a claim for failure to comply with the 10-day notice requirement: *Psaila v. Kapsalis and City of Toronto*, 2021 ONSC 1308, aff'd 2022 ONCA 37.
- Successfully appealed a refusal to grant summary judgment in a claim alleging negligent investigation against police: *G.S. v. Toronto Police Services Board*, 2022 ONSC 3621.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Online newspapers can rely on Ontario's defamation limitation period, but conditions apply", BLG Article, November 2026
- Author, "Anti-SLAPP and malicious prosecution: Section 137.1 in the context of an alleged sexual assault", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Court of Appeal confirms distinct evidentiary rules in criminal vs civil Charter cases", BLG Article, November 2025
- Co-Author, "Q&A: defamation claims in Canada," Lexology, October 2025
- Author, "ONCA confirms that a self-insured retention is not akin to a policy when considering whether a concurrent policy exists for coverage", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal confirms 5 per cent default PJI on non-pecuniary damages", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada confirms that there is no absolute immunity for Parliament (or legislatures) for legislative acts", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court: Municipalities have an ongoing duty to monitor open building permit files", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Ontario municipality has trip and fall claim dismissed due to late notice and lack of duty of care", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Court of Appeal upholds occupier's liability for failing to provide alternate exit route", BLG Article, January 2024
- Author, "ONCA upholds liability finding against municipality in icy roadway case", BLG Article, December 2023
- Author, "Municipality not liable for missing lights in pedestrian crosswalk", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "ONCA confirms municipality's evidentiary obligations to seek defence under MMS", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Limitations Act, 2002: The 15-year ultimate limitation period in Ontario and its exceptions", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Hansman v. Neufeld – SCC decision confirms that certain "counter-speech" is deserving of protection", BLG Article, May 2023
- Author, "Claims from minors and the 15-year ultimate limitation period in Ontario", BLG Article, May 2023
- Driving Ontario municipalities forward, BLG Video, September 2022
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal township liable for negligent building inspection", BLG Article, September 2022
- Author, "Municipality relies on Minimum Maintenance Standards in successful defence of motor vehicle accident claim", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "BLG win: defamation claim against municipal councillors dismissed", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Court emphasizes systems of maintenance in occupiers' liability claims", BLG Article, May 2022

- Author, "Slip-and-fall claim dismissed for deficient notice", BLG Article, December 2021
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada: Spotlight on promissory estoppel in insurance", BLG Article, December 2021
- Author, "Insurers beware: Risks of ambiguous exclusion clauses", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "Court of Appeal clarifies limitation periods for third party claims", BLG Article, February 2021

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2026 and 2022 edition of The *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation - Commercial Insurance)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation.*

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2011

- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2010
- BA, University of Western Ontario, 2007

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