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Julie focuses her practice in the areas of municipal and land use planning law and expropriations. She advises both private and public sector clients, including school boards, hospitals, developers, commercial and individual landowners with planning and expropriation matters. She also has a broad civil litigation practice with a focus on issues relating to real estate and the environment.

Julie has assisted with litigation files before the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board), Superior Court of Justice, Federal Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal including discoveries, pre-trials, hearings, mediations and motions.

Prior to being called to the bar, Julie summered and articled at BLG before joining the firm as an associate in 2018.

Experience

- Representing public and private sector clients in matters involving planning applications at the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Represents expropriating authorities and private landowners at various stages of the expropriation process

Insights & Events

- Author, "Re-writing Ontario's planning policies – proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023 and Bill 97", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "Bill 23 in Ontario: the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 receives Royal Assent", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "Re-imagining how planning and development works in Ontario: the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Ontario's Building Transit Faster Act: New Mechanisms Aim to Speed Up Priority Transit Projects", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Determination of costs under the Expropriations Act: Case law update", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Bill 108: Proposed Changes to the Growth Plan", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Does Bill 108 Mean a Return to the Old OMB Process?", BLG Article, May 2019
- Co-Author, "Pleadings, Practice and Procedural Fairness in the Post-Bill 139 World," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2019, February 2019.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Expropriation Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Ones to Watch (Municipal Law).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2018

- BCL/LLB, McGill University, 2017
- MA, Carleton University, 2013
- BA, Carleton University, 2012

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