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Ashley provides strategic Talent advice and support to legal professionals throughout their careers with the firm. Working closely with firm leadership in Toronto, she connects talent strategy with business priorities and supports initiatives focused on professional development, engagement and success across the firm.

Ashley supports legal professionals through key career stages, with areas of focus including:

- Training and professional development;
- Mentorship and career development programming;
- Onboarding and integration;
- Performance management and feedback;
- Compensation;
- Career path planning and;
- Lawyer engagement.

She also collaborates with firm leaders on talent initiatives to address evolving needs across the organization.

Prior to joining the Talent Advisory team, Ashley summered and articled at BLG, following which she practised as a commercial litigator in BLG's Disputes Group. Her practice focused primarily on commercial disputes, securities litigation, regulatory proceedings and internal investigations.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Canadian Courts take a Second Look at Fairness to Shareholders in Plans of Arrangement", BLG Article, December 2016
- Author, "Supreme Court doesn’t gamble on waiver of tort", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "MFDA issues further guidance on the use of electronic signatures", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Can A Breach Of Trust Be Innocent?", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal Provides Guidance on the Interpretation of Anti-SLAPP Legislation", BLG Article, August 2018
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal Rejects Insurer’s Interpretation of Exclusion Clause in Mortgage Insurance Policy", BLG Article, April 2018
- Author, "Securities Commissions Provide Guidance on New Take-–Over Bid Regime", BLG Article, March 2018
- Author, "Ontario Court Of Appeal Releases Highly Anticipated Decision On Insider Trading In Finkelstein V Ontario Securities Commission", BLG Article, February 2018

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, National Association for Law Placement (NALP)
- Member, Professional Development Consortium (Toronto Region)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2017

- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2016
- BA (Hons.), Carleton University, 2012

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