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Kate's disputes practice is focused on civil litigation, specializing on complex medical malpractice and public law actions, and class actions.

Outside of civil litigation, Kate practices administrative law with a special focus on physician credentialing issues. Kate also represents health care clients before tribunals, public inquiries, inquests and other types of proceedings.

Kate also provides day-to-day general counsel-type advice to executive teams at hospitals, long term care facilities and retirement homes, providing strategic day-to-day advice on risk management, crisis response and policy issues.

Experience

- **City of Toronto and independently owned not-for-profit long-term care homes in defeating certification and limiting the scope of the proposed class** in several COVID-19 class actions. The decisions set important limits on future class actions in the sector by clarifying when and how plaintiffs can make class claims.
- Kate was lead counsel representing the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in defeating certification in a proposed class action regarding the Motherisk Drug Testing Laboratory: ***R.G. v The Hospital for Sick Children*** 2018 ONSC 7058,***R.G. v. The Hospital for Sick Children***, 2019 ONSC 5696 (CanLII).
- ***Pierro v. Hospital for Sick Children***, 2016 CanLII 22788 (ON HPARB)- successfully representing the Hospital in resisting the jurisdiction of HPARB on the matter of a proposed interim suspension from an

administrative position pending an investigation, companion case ***to Dr. Agostino Pierro v. The Hospital for Sick Children***, 2016 ONSC 2987 (CanLII).

- **Toronto East General Hospital (now Toronto East Health Network)** - representing the Hospital at the JKE Inquest, a triple inquest into police encounters with people in crisis.
- **Goudge Inquiry into Paediatric Forensic Pathology** – representing the Hospital for Sick Children in the Goudge Inquiry.
- ***Scott v. Quinte Health Care Corporation***, 2012 CanLII 31018 (ON HPARB) – representing the hospital at the Health Professionals Appeal and Review Board regarding the privileges of Dr. Peter Scott.
- ***Latin v. Hospital for Sick Children***, 2007 CanLII 34 (ON SC) – successfully representing Hospital for Sick Children and two nurses in litigation regarding the care provided in the emergency department.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Appeal court upholds decision limiting intrusion upon seclusion tort to significant privacy breaches", BLG Article, February 2023
- The COVID 19 vaccine: Considerations for Canadian employers, BLG Video, February 2021
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Health care: the evolving landscape, BLG Perspective, January 2021
- Author, "Ontario hospital visitor restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic: December 2020 update", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "Bill 161: Sweeping changes to Ontario's Class Proceedings Act take effect October 1", BLG Article, September 2020
- COVID-19 Legal Perspectives
- Author, "Suspension of limitation periods and procedural timelines during COVID-19 in Canada", BLG Article, March 2020
- Osgoode Certificate in Health Law, “Class Actions and Public Inquiries in the Health Care Context”, with Barry Glaspell, April 2019
- Co-Author, "Class and Collective Actions in Canada," Lexology Guide, November, 2018.
- Speaker (with Kate Crawford and Glenn Zakaib), “The Essentials of Health Law Class Actions in Canada,” Webinar, March 8, 2018
- Webcast: The Essentials of Health Class Actions in Canada
- Author, "Ontario Superior Court Released its Decision in Green v. The Hospital for Sick Children et al", BLG Article, November 2017
- March, 2017, Ontario Hospitals Association, QCIPA Regional updates, “Legislative Overview-Governance Implications”, with Patrick Hawkins
- Author, "New Expanded Duty to Notify the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario", BLG Article, August 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member Canadian Bar Association
- Member Medico-Legal Society of Toronto
- Member Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section and Class Actions Section
- Member, The Advocates Society

Community Involvement

- Former Member, Amref Canada Board of Directors
- Chair BLG VS campaign- internal fundraising for SickKids VS campaign
- Member, "Tower Power" Fundraising Committee - Internal fundraising for Sick Kids Research and Learning Tower

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2016) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Class Action Litigation, Health Care Law, Medical Negligence and Personal Injury Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2022) of *Chambers Canada* (Healthcare: Contentious (Nationwide - Canada))
- Recognized in the 2026-2023 and 2019 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Medical Negligence), in the 2025 edition (Personal Injury) the 2023 and 2019 edition (Class Actions; Personal Injury)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* as a Litigation Star and in the "Top 100 Women in Litigation", and in the 2021 and 2018 editions as a "Future Star"
- Recognized in the 2026, 2025 and 2021 editions of *Lexpert Special Edition: Health Sciences.*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Technology and Health Sciences*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- 2016 *Lexpert Rising Star* Winner.

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2005

- LLB, Queen's University, 2004
- BA (HONS.) in Cultural Anthropology, University of Toronto, 1999

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