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Roberto's practice focuses on all aspects of privacy law, including responding to freedom of information requests, protecting personal health information, complying with federal and Ontario privacy laws, drafting policies and assisting organizations to respond to privacy breaches. Roberto assists clients in all sectors, including the health and municipal sectors, developing privacy compliant models for collecting, using, and disclosing personal information including through mobile applications.

Roberto assists clients with cyber incident response and responding to privacy breaches as well as defending privacy and cybersecurity litigation including claims for intrusion upon seclusion and with proceedings before the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

Roberto also has a broad commercial litigation practice encompassing breaches of contract, real property and leasing disputes, and construction litigation. He has represented clients in the Superior Court, Divisional Court and Federal Court as well as in commercial arbitrations.

Roberto assists clients involved in complex construction disputes including those arising from the interpretation of contracts, delay claims, payment disputes and professional liability issues. He has represented clients at mediations, arbitrations and in the Superior Court.

Roberto also provides health law advice on a wide range of issues and regularly assists health sector clients with medical malpractice litigation, and cases before the Human Rights Tribunal, regulatory colleges, and the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board. He acts as a trusted advisor to health care organizations, municipalities, and corporations, and assists clients with risk management ahead of litigation as well as providing support during litigation in variety of areas including potential and actual commercial disputes, construction disputes and issues arising from leases or contested property ownership.

He routinely advises health sector organizations on their obligations under Ontario's *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004,* including providing opinions on data sharing and drafting data sharing agreements, privacy policies and procedures.

Insights & Events

- Top 10 commercial decisions of 2023: What Canadian businesses need to know, BLG Video, April 2024
- Author, "Neurodiversity in the workplace: Best practices for inclusion", BLG Article, December 2022
- Speaker, "Difficult Discharges: Review and Legislative update," BLG Health Law Risk Management Seminar, November 2022.
- Author, "Breaking the cycle of high-performer burnout with Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe", BLG Article, June 2022
- Speaker, "Vaccination Policies and Human Rights", BLG Health Law Risk Management Seminar, December 2021
- Co-Speaker, "Electronic service providers and shared health information systems: Statutory requirements and business considerations", Managing Privacy in a Connected World Series, November 2021
- Co-Speaker, "Hello officer" – Public bodies and working with law enforcement, Webinar Series on Ontario Public Sector FOI and Privacy, October 2021
- Co-Speaker, "Health care apps, platforms and software privacy and security issues", Managing Privacy in a Connected World Series, October 2021
- Co-Speaker, "Understanding the Employment-Related Records Exclusion", Webinar Series on Ontario Public Sector FOI and Privacy, March 2021
- Speaker, "Privacy Update: Amendments to PHIPA and more", BLG Health Law Risk Management Seminar, November 2020
- Co-Speaker, "Nut and Bolts", Webinar Series on Ontario Public Sector FOI and Privacy, November 2020
- Author, "A review from mandatory reporting of health sector privacy breaches in Ontario," Canadian Privacy Law Review, February 2020
- Author, "A Review of Mandatory Reporting of Health Sector Privacy Breaches in Ontario", BLG Article, December 2019
- Author, "New PHIPA Mandatory Reporting Requirement", BLG Article, November 2017
- Author, "Court Of Appeal Clarifies Deduction And Assignment Of Statutory Accident Benefits In Motor Vehicle Accident Litigation", BLG Article, September 2017
- Author, "Court Of Appeal Clarifies Interpretation Of 2015 Amendments To The Insurance Act With Respect To Statutory Deductibles And Interest", BLG Article, September 2017
- Author, "Mandatory Reporting Of Privacy Breaches To The Information And Privacy Commissioner Now Required Under The Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004", BLG Article, July 2017
- Author, "Does an Employee Have a Reasonable Expectation of Privacy When Using Their Work Computer to Run a Charity?", BLG Article, April 2017
- Author, "Important Amendments to The Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004 Now in Force", BLG Article, June 2016

- Author, "Do Insurers Have a Duty to Defend as a Result of a Failure to Comply with PCI — DSS", BLG Article, May 2016
- Speaker, "Apples to Apples - Deductibility of Collateral Benefits," BLG Insurance and Tort Liability Breakfast Seminar, May 2016
- Author, "Internet of Things: OPC Publishes Research Paper on Privacy and Security Risks", BLG Article, February 2016
- Author, "Internet of Things: Office of Privacy Commissioner of Canada publishes research paper on privacy and security risks associated with retail and home environments," February 2016
- Author, "European Parliament, Council, and Commission agree on draft of first EU-wide cybersecurity legislation", BLG Article, January 2016
- Co-author, "How much cybersecurity is enough," Financier International

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals

Community Involvement

- Providing legal services to veterans applying for judicial review of decisions of Veterans Affairs
- Volunteer, Law Help Ontario pro bono legal clinic
- Member, Board of Directors of Villa Marconi Long-Term Care Home

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2024) of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2010

- LLB, McGill University, 2009
- MA, McGill University, 2004
- BA (Hons.), McGill University, 2003

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