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Natalia is an experienced commercial litigation lawyer whose practice focuses on complex commercial matters and securities disputes.

Natalia regularly advises corporations, investment dealers and individuals, including directors and officers, on bet-the-company litigation, as well as sensitive and confidential regulatory investigations and proceedings before the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) and the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO). She is successful in negotiating efficient and effective resolutions for clients while mitigating their litigation risk and protecting their reputations.

Natalia has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, including the Court of Appeal for Ontario. She has also defended clients in the Ontario Court of Justice in criminal prosecutions brought under the *Securities Act* by the Joint Serious Offences Team (JSOT), established by the OSC.

Natalia has experience in an in-house senior counsel role at a major financial institution providing litigation support to its wealth management businesses and investment bank. In this role, Natalia managed the bank's most complex securities disputes, including class actions, and sensitive internal investigations, as well as worked closely with the business on creative solutions to mitigate risk.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Simply the best (evidence): Capital Markets Tribunal rules on read-ins", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "No certification for Boal investors Fiduciary duty ruled individual issue", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Discharged bankrupts may be exempt from administrative penalties: Poonian v. British Columbia (Securities Commission)", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Harmonized sanction guidelines and more: CIRO releases 2023-2024 enforcement report", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Court opens the door to a finding of fiduciary duty in relation to non-managed accounts", BLG Article, June 2024
- Top 10 commercial decisions of 2023: What Canadian businesses need to know, BLG Video, April 2024

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Committee Member, Ontario Securities Commission's Securities Proceedings Advisory Committee (SPAC)
- Vice President, Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association (UCBA)

Awards & Recognition

• Recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*™ (Securities Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2013
- BA (Honours), Criminology & Psychology, York University, 2008
- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2012
- LLM, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2020

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