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She advises clients in the private and public sectors on managing the information they collect or create, including:

- financial services
- energy
- education
- health
- consumer products
- publishing

Bonnie provides advice to federal and provincial healthcare and health informatics sectors. She collaborates with key industry stakeholders, including:

- hospitals
- clinics
- healthcare professionals
- registries and other prescribed entities
- government and community agencies
- industry associations
- regulatory bodies
- laboratories
- pharmacies

- pharmaceutical manufacturers
- non-commercial providers of information technology services

Bonnie has been at the forefront of information technology law and led a project for the Privacy Commissioner of Canada in 2009.

She has acted as external counsel for a number of health professional regulators and also spent several years as director of legal services for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Experience

- Negotiating and drafting agreements relating to the collection, use and disclosure of personal, confidential and personal health information, including system access, data sharing, research, and IT services agreements.
- Analyzing legislative requirements of laws and regulations governing privacy, data protection, electronic communications and commerce, access to information, healthcare funding and health services delivery.
- Assisting organizations to find practical means of complying with legislative requirements.
- Advising on shared electronic information systems and projects, including privacy models and options for privacy governance.
- Reviewing privacy impact and related assessments.
- Assisting with the management of privacy and security breaches.
- Facilitating stakeholder discussions and preparing and delivering orientation and other educational materials relating to privacy, access-to-information, the healthcare system, and not-for-profit corporations and organizations.

Insights & Events

- Important Privacy Commissioner Consultation Impacting Cross-Border Dataflows and Outsourcing
- Impact of the New Mandatory Breach Notification Requirements under PIPEDA on Pension Plan Administration
- Production Order Challenge Results in Recognition of Duty to Assert Consumer Privacy Rights

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member-at-large, Executive Committee, Privacy Law Section, Ontario Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Director and chair, Program and Quality Committee, Baycrest, 2007-2011

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2022 (and since 2019) editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Health Care Law) and in the 2022 edition (Privacy and Data Security Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1991
- LLM, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2005
- MBA, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, 2002
- LLB, University of Toronto, 1989
- MA, Middlebury College, 1986
- BA, American University of Paris, 1985

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