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Maria is a financial services lawyer specializing in the regulation of financial institutions. She brings together her deep knowledge of the complex regulatory landscape in the financial services and payments industry, with her in-house experience advising lines of business on a variety of financial products and services, to provide clients with pragmatic and strategic solutions.

Maria regularly advises on all aspects of regulatory matters affecting a variety of financial services providers, including banks, trust and loan companies, credit unions, and participants in the payments card industry.

Maria is also a member of BLG's Public Policy and Government Relations Group. She advises clients on political law matters, which include lobbying, conflicts of interest, political financial and election laws.

Prior to joining BLG, Maria practiced at a prominent national business law firm and as in-house counsel at a large financial institution.

Experience

- Canadian counsel to KDDI Corporation in its approximately US$65 million minority investment in, and business alliance with, Coincheck Group N.V.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Bill S-8: Proposed Changes to Canada's Financial Crime Framework", BLG Article, November 2026
- Author, "The Stablecoin Era: Canada Proposes Stablecoin Regulations and Expands the Payment Regulatory Framework", BLG Article, November 2026
- Co-Author, "Fintech: How is the World Shaping the Financial Innovation Industry?", International Bar Association's (IBA) Special Project, October 2026
- Author, "Federal Financial Institutions Legislative and Regulatory Reporter – June 2026", BLG Article, August 2026
- Author, "Federal Financial Institutions Legislative and Regulatory Reporter – May 2026", BLG Article, August 2026
- Author, "Canada's AML Shift: Preparing for Universal Enrolment, Higher Penalties and FINTRAC Enforcement", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "OSFI's Q3 Quarterly Release: A suite of regulatory updates to address emerging risks", BLG Article, September 2025
- Author, "Changes to FINTRAC Supervision Model and Penalty Policy", BLG Article, August 2025

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Chair, First Position Patrons Committee at Canada's National Ballet School

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2018

- JD, University of Ottawa, 2017
- Master of Management of Innovation, University of Toronto, 2012
- BSc (Honours), Life Sciences, Queen's University, 2011

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