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Denisa provides environmental risk management strategies to public and private sector clients and represents clients in complex environmental law claims. Denisa particularly advises clients on liabilities in transactions and infrastructure projects and in environmental and product compliance, including extended producer responsibility, plastic reduction and organics processing laws.

Denisa provides expert guidance empowering leaders in industry and government to innovate with impact on critical environmental issues, including the adoption of new waste management strategies and the development of a circular economy.

Denisa represents clients in a variety of complex environmental and administrative law claims. She also acts as defense counsel on regulatory proceedings. Her clients have included many municipalities in the province of Ontario. Denisa has also appeared before tribunals including the Ontario Land Tribunal on environmental, aggregate resources and land use planning matters.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Closing the gaps: Canada's proposed recycled content, labelling rules and registry for plastics", BLG Article, May 2023
- Author, "Closing the gaps: Single-use plastic regulations, recycling and labelling rules in Canada", BLG Article, February 2023



- Author, "Canada finalizes its promised single-use plastic ban", BLG Article, July 2022
- Author, "An offer we can't refuse: Amendments to Ontario's Blue Box regulation", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Canada forges ahead with single-use plastics ban despite legal challenges", BLG Article,
 December 2021
- "Unconstitutional and Not Based in Science? The Federal Regulation of Plastics as a Toxic Substance,"
 Green Earth Law Blog, September 2021
- "The Opportunities and Challenges of Organics Recycling," Green Earth Law Blog, August 2021
- Author, "Full producer responsibility: Ontario releases final Blue Box regulation", BLG Article, June 2021
- "Twenty-First Century Environmental Law: Modernizing the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999," Green Earth Law Blog, May 2021
- "Environmental Claims What You Need to Know to Avoid a Lawsuit," Green Earth Law Blog, February 2021
- Author, "Ontario's blue box transition: Bringing individual producer responsibility to packaging", BLG Article, October 2020
- "Commentary: The pitfalls of shared responsibility," Recycling Today, July 13, 2020
- "Local Loops: Bringing the Circular Economy to Canadian Cities," Green Earth Law Blog, June 2020
- "The Big Warmup: The Rise and Future of Climate Change Litigation," The Advocates' Journal, Vol. XXXVI. No. 3
- "There's Always Next Time: Smart City Planning After Sidewalk Labs," Green Earth Law Blog, May 2020

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member-at-Large, Ontario Bar Association, Environmental Law Section Executive
- Member, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section

Community Involvement

Duty, Motions and Federal Court Counsel, Pro Bono Law Ontario

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2015
- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2014
- MA, York University, 2011
- BSc (Hons), University of Toronto, 2010



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