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Gabrielle provides environmental risk management strategies to both public and private clients, directing complex environmental claims, advising on new and historic losses, defending regulatory proceedings and advising on transactions. Gabrielle also advises on related insurance issues, municipal law, expropriations law and real estate issues having acted as counsel in numerous cases.

Gabrielle has extensive appellate experience and has represented clients before all of the courts in Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada. She represents a variety of private and public-sector clients before the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Gabrielle is the Regional Leader of BLG's Environmental Group and is a member of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiative.

She serves clients in English and French.

Experience

- Umios Corporation as lead counsel in its announced acquisition of High Liner Foods Incorporated pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the *Companies Act* (Nova Scotia) in a transaction valued at C$1.3 billion.
- Counsel to RFA Capital Holdings Inc. in its business combination with Artis Real Estate Investment Trust to form RFA Financial.

- Counsel to INEOS Styrolution Canada Ltd. appealing environmental orders and allowing company to navigate regulatory process while addressing closure plans.
- Counsel to Corporation of the City of Markham successfully defending challenges to class environmental assessment process for future urban areas.
- Successfully appealed conviction under Endangered Species Act.
- Counsel to Cenovus Energy Inc., defending and prosecuting environmental claims, negotiating lease transactions and providing strategic advice with respect to environmental issues.
- Advising clients on PFAS, Plastics, and Extended Producer Responsibility Compliance.
- Acted for U.S.-based venture capital firm Bedrock Industries in acquisition of Stelco steel manufacturing plants for approximately CAD $500 million. The transaction included arrangements governing historic environmental liabilities.
- Acted for Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Limited in successful summary judgment against claim for $6 million for alleged toxic mould exposure.
- Prosecuting and defending varied environmental litigation for industries and private individuals; defending environmental offences; and conducting discoveries, pre-trials, trials, arbitrations, appeals, mediations and negotiations.
- Providing insurance coverage services, including legal opinions, litigation and document management services to leading insurers respecting environmental insurance issues.
- Providing environmental coverage advice, including excess insurer of Enbridge in respect of Michigan oil spill; American Defence Committee in Exxon litigation involving refineries and service stations across the United States and Canada.
- Drafting environmental insurance policies for a number of leading insurers.
- Defending professional liability claims, including for environmental consultants, environmental contractors, real estate appraisers, listing agents and brokers.
- Advising on environmental aspects of corporate, commercial and real estate transactions, including the conduct of extensive environmental due diligence in connection with both international and Canada-wide acquisitions and financing transactions.
- Acting in projects including Toyota Development in Woodstock, and York Region Rapid transit, road extensions and widening, intersection installations, landfill sites, reservoir sites, and sewage treatment.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Plastics ban survives (for now): FCA clarifies Cabinet’s role in the regulation of toxic substances", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Amendments to filing a record of site condition", BLG Article, October 2025
- Author, "Putting out fires: Phase 1 of the Government of Canada’s risk management approach for PFAS", BLG Article, October 2025
- Author, "Ontario aims to overhaul regulatory requirements for critical infrastructure and mining projects under Bill 5", BLG Article, May 2025
- Author, "Canada concludes PFAS “forever chemicals" are toxic: What you need to know", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "Canada’s mandatory PFAS reporting deadline: Be cautious relying on prior compliance", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Recent changes to extended producer responsibility in Canada", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Canada’s proposals for implementing a modernized CEPA", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "The latest proposed amendments to excess soil regulation in Ontario", BLG Article, October 2024
- Presenter, “The Eight-Minute Environmental Lawyer 2024”, LSO, September 2024

- Author, "Mandatory PFAS reporting in Canada: What manufacturers, importers and users need to know", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Hold the PFAS, please: Keeping forever chemicals out of the food chain in Canada", BLG Article, February 2024
- Author, "Climate related disasters, claims and human rights", BLG Article, October 2023
- Author, "Forever Chemicals (PFAS) regulations in Canada: What Canadian businesses need to know", BLG Article, September 2023
- Author, " Canada enacts into law the right to a healthy environment and more stringent chemical management requirements ", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Can you dig it? Recent changes to regulating excess soils in British Columbia, Ontario and Québec", BLG Article, April 2022
- Author, "Environmental obligations and compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic: A Canadian comparison", BLG Article, February 2021
- Co-author, *Toxic Real Estate Manual*, Thomson Reuters, 2021
- Author, "Understanding PFAS in Canada: An emerging risk", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 delays Ontario's new excess soil regime", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Notice of claim may begin limitation period for third party environmental contamination claims", BLG Article, May 2020
- Presenter, "Navigating Pollution Coverage: A Shifting Landscape," Construction Insurance Law Conference, June 2, 2016
- Co-presenter, "A Midwest Side Story: Stepping up Contamination Claims," BLG client seminar, April 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association, Environmental Law and Municipal Law Sections
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Past-president, Ontario Expropriation Association

Community Involvement

- Volunteer judge, Environmental Law Moot
- OBA Environmental Law Mentorship Program

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2022) of *Chambers Canada* (Environmental (Nationwide - Canada)).
    - **Environment:** *Toronto-based Gabrielle Kramer represents a range of public and private clients, including municipalities and oil and gas companies, engaged in regulatory proceedings and contamination disputes.*
    - **Environment:** *"I have been impressed with Gabrielle, her subject matter knowledge and her knowledge of sector experts."*
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (Environmental Law since 2019 & Insurance Law since 2016) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Legal 500* (Environment).

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *Chambers Global* (Environment).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Environmental Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy.*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining.*

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1992

- JD, University of Toronto, 1990
- BA (Hons.), University of Toronto, 1987

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