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Edona is passionate about the intersection of innovation and the law. She specializes in complex commercial disputes and risk advisory services. She represents national and multi-national corporations, government authorities, and insurers in cross-border and domestic product liability, commercial, and insurance disputes across many different industries ranging from manufacturing and financial services to life sciences.

In her disputes practice, Edona has defended clients throughout all levels of court in Ontario and successfully driven claims to resolution in formal and informal alternative dispute resolution forums. Clients turn to Edona for sound guidance and timely advice. Her in-depth understanding of how business and technological innovations are transforming the status quo, allows her to better support her clients.

Armed with an insight of where her clients came from and where they want to go, she assists clients to identify and mitigate against commercial, regulatory, insurance, and litigation risks to inform internal enterprise risk management.

Much of her practice is focussed on advising on the liability associated with artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, connected devices, Internet of Things, additive and advanced digital manufacturing products. As part of

this work, Edona advises clients who either face cross-border litigation or require assistance with compliance matters in the context of Canadian operations.

Outside her law practice, Edona is committed to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. She sits on the Board of the Toronto Lawyers Association.

Experience

- Representing drug manufacturers related to pharmaceutical product litigation as a result of alleged adverse reactions.
- Acting as litigation counsel for automobile manufacturers alleging product defects.
- Representing medical device manufacturer in claims involving design manufacturing, and marketing defects.
- Representing manufacturers in fire loss claims related to alleged product defects.
- Acting as litigation counsel in the defence of professional negligence and breach of contract claims against engineers, architects, and other design professionals.
- Acting as litigation counsel for public institutions, including municipalities, in relation to infrastructure and professional negligence disputes.
- Defending insurers in litigation arising from denials of long term and short term disability benefits.
- Representing insurers and insureds on subrogated and non-subrogated claims.

Insights & Events

- Manufacturers of internet of things devices: guidance from the Canadian Federal Privacy Commissioner
- Above and beyond: simply signing a waiver may not be enough
- 3D printing in the time of COVID-19: A triad of legal perspectives
- Product advertising and marketing in the time of COVID-19
- 3D printing during COVID-19
- Spotlight on medical devices in the age of COVID-19
- Material withholding renders life insurance coverage voidable
- The Parameters of Pre-Certification Document Discovery Cannot be Circumvented through an Improper Request to Inspect Documents
- Two steps in class action “Common Issues” inquiry, court confirms
- [Co-Author, "3D Printed Medical Devices and Organs: *The Canadian Legal Framework*" Rx for The Defense, Defence Research Institute, Fall 2019](#)
- Court Provides Guidance on Class Counsel Fees and the Class Proceedings Fund Levy Calculation
- Co-author, "Court refuses to grant summary judgement in roof fall occupier case," The Lawyer's Daily, October 2019.
- Moderator, “AV data collection, cybersecurity and privacy issues,” Benchmark Litigation AutoLex Autonomous Vehicles Forum, September 10, 2019, Detroit, Michigan.
- Co-author, "Existence of Disputed Facts Derails Summary Judgment"
- All Eyes On Hospitals: Mandatory Drug And Medical Device Adverse Event Reporting
- Digital Health Technologies: Product Regulatory and Litigation Developments

- Presenter, “3D/4D printed organs, cells, food, drugs, medical devices, Internet of Things (IoT) – what else? Ethical, intellectual property, regulatory and liability perspectives,” International Bar Association, Philadelphia, United States of America, May 2019
- Presenter, “Claims & Liability: Cut Permits”, BLG Seminar, May 2019
- Presenter, “Internet of Things & Commercial Real Estate: Risks and Opportunities,” Commercial Real Estate Seminar, Borden Ladner Gervais, May 2019
- Presenter, “Liability Landscape of Insurance Implications of Internet of Things & Connected Devices,” Insurance Institute, London, Ontario, May 2019
- Presenter, “International Perspectives on Autonomous Vehicles: 5G versus DSRC”, Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Readiness Workshop of Regional Authorities, April 2019 (with Robert Love)
- Presenter, “Legal Risks Perspectives on Internet of Things and Smart Cities”, Annual Municipal Conference, April 2019
- Where are we with the Languishing Class Action Cases?
- Presenter, "Product Recalls: Practical Guide and Insurance Issues", Insurance Institute of Ontario, March 26, 2019
- Presenter, "The 360 View on Autonomous Vehicles", Insurance Institute of Ontario, February 7, 2019

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Current Board Director, Toronto Lawyers Association (Education Committee)
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers Association
- Member, Defence Research Institute

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids
- Pro Bono Duty Counsel, Law Help Ontario

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2014
- Juris Doctor (Cum Laude), University of Ottawa, 2013
- Master of Management of Innovation, University of Toronto, 2009
- Post Baccalaureate, Faculty of Science and Engineering, York University, 2008
- BSc (Honour Standing), Medical Radiation, University of Toronto, 2007



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