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Kelly is an experienced litigator with unique expertise in data management issues, including eDiscovery, cybersecurity and privacy. She is recognized for her eDiscovery expertise and leverages over two decades of litigation experience to bring a distinctively strategic approach to planning and executing discovery projects.

Kelly was part of the consultant team that designed the Ontario Energy Board's cybersecurity framework for electricity distributors and transmitters. She regularly provides training to boards of directors and executives on how to understand and implement privacy and cybersecurity best practices.

She has appeared before administrative bodies such as the Ontario Energy Board, all levels of court in Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Prior to joining BLG, Kelly was a litigation partner at DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and at Ogilvy Renault LLP (now Norton Rose Fulbright).

Insights & Events

- Presenter, "Electronic evidence challenges - Collection/Processing", Beyond eDiscovery Webinar, January 25, 2022
- Author, "Consultation on Big Data may spur new law lawyers", BLG Article, February 2019
- Speaker, "The Paperless Office and Other Legal Tech (R)evolutions," 2018 IPIC Annual Meeting, October 12, 2018

- Speaker, Privacy and Cybersecurity Best Practices, Association of Records Managers and Administrators SWO Fall Workshop, 24 Sept 2018
- Speaker, "Successfully Managing E-Discovery – A Primer for In-House Counsel," 2018 CCCA National Conference and ICW World Summit, May 1, 2018
- Author, "Non-Parties Ordered To Produce Documents In Product Liability Class Action", BLG Article, March 2018
- Speaker, Cybersecurity and Privacy for Litigators, The Advocates' Society Special Presentation, 23 Oct 2017

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Advisor, Uniform Law Commission of Canada, National E-Discovery Project
- Expert, Canadian Advisory Committee on Information Technology and Security, ISO SC27, International IT Security Standards
- Member, Ontario's E-Discovery Implementation Committee (EIC)
- Co-editor, International Code of Practice for Electronic Discovery, ISO/IEC 27050-3: 2017
- Former chair, Sedona Canada Steering Committee

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized as a trailblazer in AI Adoption
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Privacy and Data Security Law).
- Recognized in the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2023 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (E-Discovery Practitioners) and *Who's Who Legal Litigation:* E-Discovery Lawyers
- Recognized as one of Canada's 25 Most Influential Lawyers in 2011 by *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1996

- LLB, University of Toronto, 1994
- B.Comm., McGill University, 1991

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