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Nadia represents a wide range of clients in both English and French, in complex and often high profile proceedings, including class actions, administrative, regulatory, constitutional, and human rights law cases.

Nadia has represented clients in industries including transportation, financial services, broadcasting and telecommunications, energy, and entertainment, and has particular subject-matter expertise in transportation law, electoral law, access to information and official language rights.

Nadia regularly appears before all levels of federal and provincial courts, administrative tribunals, and commissions of inquiry, and has appeared numerous times before the Supreme Court of Canada. Nadia is a member of the CBA Federal Courts Bench and Bar Liaison Committee. She is the chair of BLG's Appellate Advocacy and Public Law Group and serves as the Regional Manager of the Commercial Litigation and Construction Group in Toronto. She is also a member and Past President of the Board of Directors of the Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario (AJEFO), as well as a member of the Ontario Bar Association Official Languages Committee. Prior to joining BLG, Nadia served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada to The Honourable Mr. Justice Bastarache.

Experience

- Counsel for the Honourable Louise Arbour appointed to carry out a review into the Canadian Armed Forces and Department of National Defence, in response to reports of harassment and sexual misconduct within Canada's military.
- Counsel for Amazon in an unpaid wages and overtime class claim (2020-present).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the Federation of Law Societies of Canada in its intervention in *Law Society of Saskatchewan v. Peter V. Abrametz*.
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for York University in SCC 39222 *York University, et al. v. Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency ("Access Copyright"), et al.* (2020-2021).
- Counsel before the Federal Court for the Leaders' Debates Commission (led by the Honourable David Johnston) on applications brought Rebel Media for media accreditation for the federal leaders' debates (2019-present).
- Counsel before the Federal Court for the Courts Administration Services in File No. T-1624-19 *Jeremy King v Federation of Newfoundland Indians Inc. (FNI) and Her Majesty the Queen Canada*.
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada in SCC 39172 *Grant Thornton LLP et al. v Province of New Brunswick et al.*
- Counsel before the Cullen Commission for the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (2020-present).
- Presenting counsel before the Ontario Judicial Council in the hearing concerning a complaint about the conduct of the Honourable Justice Donald McLeod (2020-2021).
- Retained as counsel by federal government to assist in carbon reference appeals (2019-2020).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the National Council of Canadian Muslims in SCC 39094 *Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church of Canada St. Mary Cathedral v. Teshome Aga* (2020-present).
- Counsel before the federal court for the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada in *Szuchewycz v. Attorney General of Canada*, 2020 FC 954 (2020-present).
- Counsel before the federal court for the Courts Administration Services in an application brought by Pierre Devinat with respect to the translations of judgments of the federal courts (2018-2021).
- Counsel before the Federal Court of Appeal and the federal court for Oceanex Inc. in a judicial review application against the Minister of Transport and Marine Atlantic Inc. (2015-2020).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal and the federal court for the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Board of Internal Economy in applications commenced by members of the NDP (2014-present).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the Canadian Bar Association in SCC 38381 *AG of BC v. Provincial Court Judges' Association of British Columbia | SCC 38459 AG of NS et al. v. Judges of the Provincial Court et al.* (2019-2020).
- Counsel before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for confidential online retailer in a wage class action (2020-present).
- Counsel before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for Handa Student Travel in a wages class action (2018-present).
- Counsel before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for GoodLife Fitness in a wages class action (2016-2019).
- Counsel before the Ontario Superior Court for Scotiabank in a wages class action (2014-2016).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Ontario Divisional Court for the Law Society of Ontario in *Trinity Western University v. The Law Society of Upper Canada*, 2015 [ONSC 4250](#); 2016 [ONCA 518](#) (2014-2018).

- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada in *Deloitte & Touche v. Livent Inc., Through its Special Receiver and Manager Roman Doroniuk* (2016-2017).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the European Bank For Reconstruction and Development, the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation And Development, the African Development Bank Group, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Nordic Investment Bank in *World Bank Group v. Wallace*, 2016 SCC 15 (2015-2016).
- Counsel before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada in *Council of Canadians v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2015 [ONSC 4601](#) (2015-2018).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, Ontario Court of Appeal and Ontario Superior Court of Justice for Canadian National Railway Company in a contractual dispute with the City of Thunder Bay (2014-2019).
- Counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada for the Railway Association of Canada in *Canadian Pacific Railway Co. v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2016 SCC 1.
- Counsel before the Federal Court of Appeal for Canadian National Railway Company in various challenges of decisions of the Canadian Transportation Agency involving complaints by shippers about interswitching and statutory service obligations (see *CN v. Richardson International Ltd.*, 2015 [FCA 180](#); *Canadian National Railway Company v. Canadian Transportation Agency and Wilkinson*, 2013 FCA 270; *Canadian National Railway Company v. Canada (Transport, Infrastructure and Communities)*, (2012 FCA 240).
- Counsel before the Federal Court of Appeal for Canadian National Railway Company against the Canadian Transportation Agency in two appeals challenging the agency's revenue cap determinations for the transportation of grain (2015-2016).
- Counsel before the Federal Court for Canadian National Railway Company against Transport Canada challenging decisions on access to information requests (2016).
- Counsel before several provincial courts for JTI-Macdonald Corp. challenging the menthol ban (2015-present).

Insights & Events

- Speaker, "[Year in Review of Top Administrative Law Decisions and Cases to Watch.](#)" The Canadian Institute's 22nd Annual Advanced Administrative Law & Practice Conference, October 27, 2022
- Co-Author, "[The common law's response to harms in the internet age: A new arsenal of torts.](#)" The Advocate's Journal, Fall edition.
- Appellate Fall 2022 preview: Significant cases to watch, BLG Article, September 2022
- Bill 96: Summary of *Mitchell v. Procureur général du Québec*, 2022 QCCS 2983, BLG Article, September 2022
- Panelist, "Growing your Career in a Hybrid Environment," Women in Law Leadership Breakfast, September 2022.
- Panelist, "Abrametz: What it means for administrative justice proceedings," 8th Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals, September 2022.
- Appointment processes for judges of the SCC and SCOTUS in a year of historic nominations, BLG Article, August 2022
- Quoted, "[These two events highlight importance of having women in leadership positions, says Nadia Effendi.](#)" *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*, 2022
- Supreme Court confirms that making copyrighted works available online is not a stand-alone interest, BLG Article, July 2022
- Provincial appellate court cases in Canada, BLG Article, July 2022

- Quoted, "[Why Jordan does not apply to administrative proceedings.](#)" National Magazine, July 2022.
- Revisiting the test for abuse of process in administrative law, BLG Article, July 2022
- Quoted, "[SCC refuses to make it easier to establish delays as abuse of process in administrative proceedings.](#)" The Lawyer's Daily, July 2022.
- Quoted, "[Delay in Law Society of Saskatchewan disciplinary proceeding not an abuse of process: SCC.](#)" Canadian Lawyer Magazine, July 2022.
- Parliamentary privilege Federal national security legislation held unconstitutional, BLG Article, July 2022
- SCC clarifies test for public interest standing in British Columbia v. Council of Canadians with Disabilities, BLG Article, June 2022
- Cullen Commission Final Report makes sweeping recommendations for anti-money laundering regulation in B.C., BLG Article, June 2022
- In Sullivan, the SCC clarifies role of stare decisis in constitutional litigation, BLG Article, May 2022
- Speaker, "SCC Cases 2022," CCCA National Conference, May 2022.
- Supreme Court applies principles of reconciliation to advanced costs awards, BLG Article, March 2022
- Speaker, "[Bilan 2021 : Survol des arrêts clés de l'année rendus par les cours d'appel.](#)" The Canadian Bar Association, February 2022.
- Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021, BLG Article, February 2022
- Co-Author, "Supreme Court of Canada's decision warns plaintiffs: Act on potential claims," Corporate Securities and Finance Law Report, December 2021
- Quoted, "[Timely discipline](#)," *The Canadian Bar Association National Magazine*, November 3, 2021
- Co-Chair, Annual Advanced Administrative Law & Practice Conference, October 27, 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Past President, Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario, 2018-present
- Member, The Advocates Society, 2020-Present
- Member, Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)'s Law Program Committee
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, County of Carleton Law Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Federal Court Bench and Bar Association, 2019-present
- Member, Divisional Court Users' Committee, 2019-present
- Member, Organizing Committee of the Judicial Assistants of the Supreme Court of Canada's 2020 Conference
- Federal Courts Bench and Bar Liaison Committee, 2021-Present
- Member, TAS Appellate Advocacy Practice Group

Community Involvement

- Past director and secretary, Citizen Advocacy (a charity that helps people with disabilities participate more fully in community life)
- Member, Official Language Committee, Ontario Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in 2023 edition (and since 2022) of the *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: Administrative & Public Law- Ontario)

- Recognized at the 2022 Canadian Law Awards as Litigator of the Year
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (since 2020) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Appellate Practice) and in 2021-2022 for Administrative and Public Law and in 2022 for Corporate Commercial Litigation.
- Recognized in the 2022 (and since 2020) edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Litigation - Regulatory & Public Law) and in the 2018 editions (since 2016) (Litigation: Public Law)
- Recognized in the 2021 and 2020 editions of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2021) of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in 2022 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* in the *Top 100 Women in Canada*, and in 2021 and 2020 in the *Top 50 Women in Canada*
- Recognized as a 2013 Rising Star by Lexpert
- Awarded a Lexpert Zenith Award in 2011 for pro bono representation of veterans before the Federal Court
- Recognized in the 2020 and in the 2018 (since 2015) editions of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Future Star and a Litigation Star (Administrative, General Commercial, Public Law and Class Actions)
- Recognized in the 202 (and 2017-2018) editions of the *Benchmark Canada 40 & Under Hot List*
- Nominated as Emerging Talent of the Year by Benchmark Canada 2019 Awards
- Recognized as one of Canada's 25 Most Influential Lawyers in 2016 by Canadian Lawyer Magazine in the Young Influencers category

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2004
- LLB (summa cum laude, gold medalist), University of Ottawa, 2003

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