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Rebecca's practice focuses on public authority litigation and complex tort litigation for large institutional clients, including:

- Municipalities;
- School boards and independent schools; and
- Charities and not-for-profit organizations.

Rebecca is a partner in BLG's Disputes Group. Her practice focuses on public authority litigation and complex tort litigation for large institutional clients. She has specialized expertise in crisis management, sexual violence investigations, incident response and defence and municipal and police liability. Rebecca also has expertise defending defamation claims and employment torts, including workplace-based psychological injury and mental distress damages claims.

Rebecca frequently provides advice on sensitive matters which are the subject of public and media scrutiny. She defends the reputational interests of her clients in policy and precedent setting cases.

Rebecca is the National Business Leader of the Insurance & Tort Liability Group.

## Experience

- Crisis management, including:

- Supporting organizations upon receiving reports of sexual assault or allegations of harassment in crisis containment and media response.
- Advice to leadership and board members regarding investigation, mandatory reporting and working with police in the context of allegations of sexual assault or harassment
- Advises institutional clients on and defends claims relating to sexual abuse and harassment, including allegations of negligent supervision, breach of fiduciary duty and vicarious liability claims.
- Defends claims seeking damages for psychological injury and mental distress in the employment, personal injury and human rights context.
- Defends public institutions, including municipalities, in a broad range of tort claims including municipal infrastructure claims.
- Defends municipal emergency services including actions against police for malicious prosecution, negligent investigation and breach of Charter rights.
- Provides advice and opinions to large institutional clients on a variety of matters including statutory interpretation and risk management.
- Acts as counsel on Coroner's Inquests.

## Insights & Events

- Ontario proposes changes to postsecondary education sexual violence regulation
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Disputes: accelerated transformation
- Ontario Court of Appeal holds joint occupiers owe each other a duty of care
- Cap on Non-Pecuniary Damages Does Not Apply for Intentional Torts
- Court of Appeal Overturns Trial Decision on Police Negligence Investigation, False Arrest, False Imprisonment and Charter breach
- Co-author, "Substantive Changes to Ontario's Highway Minimum Maintenance Standards Now In Effect," BLG Insurance and Tort Liability Bulletin, May 201
- Court of Appeal Confirms Limitation Period for Police Battery Claim Extended to Conclusion of Underlying Criminal Charge
- Negligent Investigation Claim Against Police Dismissed in Child Sexual Assault Case
- Ontario Court of Appeal Extends Limitation Period for Police Battery Claim
- Co-author, "When is it "appropriate" to commence an action? Court of Appeal provides further guidance on limitation periods," BLG Insurance and Tort Liability Bulletin, September 2017
- Municipality Successful In Relying On 10-Day Notice Period In Claim Involving A Minor
- Court Does Not Require Defendant Insurer To Produce Its File From A Previous Related Action
- A Refresher on the Test for Gross Negligence: Zaravellas V. Armstrong, 2016 ONSC 3616

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Chair, Trial Techniques Committee, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association
- Diversity Chair, Business Litigation Committee, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association
- Vice-Chair, Corporate Counsel Committee, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association
- Vice-Chair, Women Trial Lawyers Task Force, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association

- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Member, "Give A Day" Campaign Committee

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2002
- Certificate in International Business Transactions and International Litigation, University of San Diego's Institute of International & Comparative Law , King's College London, 2003
- LLB, University of Windsor, 2001
- BA (Hons.), University of Toronto, 1998

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