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She advises and defends municipalities and other public sector clients on negligence actions including:

- Claims for property damage;
- Non-repair of roadways;
- Sidewalks and private property;
- Motor vehicle accidents; and
- Water and sewage systems.

## Experience

- Acted for a municipality in a summary judgment motion to dismiss a claim for failure to comply with the 10-day notice requirement: *Psaila v. Kapsalis and City of Toronto*, 2021 ONSC 1308, aff'd 2022 ONCA 37.
- Acted for defendants in defamation actions in which successful anti-SLAPP motions were brought to dismiss the claim: *Hotspot Auto Parts v. Thompson*, 2022 ONSC 3637; *Mondal v. Evans-Bitten*, 2022 ONSC 809; and *Hotspot Auto Parts v. Thompson*, 2022 ONSC 3637
- Successfully appealed granting a summary judgment in a claim alleging negligent investigation against police: *G.S. v. Toronto Police Services Board*, 2022 ONSC 3621.
- Brought a successful Rule 21 motion on behalf of insurance broker defendants confirming pleadings were an abuse of process and barred by res judicata: *National Industries Inc. v. Kirkwood*, 2022 ONSC 937.
- Successfully got a claim dismissed against police defendants alleging negligent investigation and defamation: *Supreme Auto Group Inc. v. Chief William Blair*, 2020 ONSC 1223.

- Successfully had dismissed an action alleging racial profiling against the defendant police force. the Court of Appeal upheld the decision: *Reece v. Toronto (Police Services Board)*, 2017 ONSC 3854, aff'd 2018 ONCA 91.

## Insights & Events

- BLG win: defamation claim against municipal councillors dismissed
- Court emphasizes systems of maintenance in occupiers' liability claims
- Slip-and-fall claim dismissed for deficient notice
- Supreme Court of Canada: Spotlight on promissory estoppel in insurance
- Insurers beware: Risks of ambiguous exclusion clauses
- Court of Appeal clarifies limitation periods for third party claims
- Anonymous internet commenter fails to set aside default judgment
- Ontario Superior Court recognizes new tort for online harassment
- Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act receives Royal Assent in Ontario
- Decision to strike jury due to COVID-19 upheld by Court of Appeal
- Supreme Court offers first insight into Ontario's anti-SLAPP legislation
- Ontario Court of Appeal considers right to proceeds of "after the event" insurance
- BLG win: negligent investigation & defamation claim summarily dismissed
- The clearer the better: Waiver's unclear indemnity is not enforceable
- Anonymous Internet Posters Not Immune To Default Judgment
- Ontario Court of Appeal Ruling Questions Default PJI on Non-Pecuniary Damages
- Changes to Small Claims Court and the Rules of Simplified Procedure
- Supreme Court of Canada Addresses Common Law Police Powers
- Ontario Court of Appeal Finds Mandatory Security Checks at Police Headquarters Constitutional
- Co-author, "Existence of Disputed Facts Derails Summary Judgment"
- Mother and Son Successful on Summary Judgment after Son's Head-On Vehicle Collision,
- Divisional Court Confirms Defendant Vehicle Owner No Longer Exposed as "Unprotected Defendant" under Employment Law Principles
- Co-author, "Substantive Changes to Ontario's Highway Minimum Maintenance Standards Now In Effect," BLG Insurance and Tort Liability Bulletin, May 201
- 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
- Co-author, "Court of Appeal upholds finding that storefront was occupier of municipal sidewalk," BLG Insurance and Tort Liability Bulletin, May 2017

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation - Commercial Insurance)

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2011
- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2010
- BA, University of Western Ontario, 2007

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