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Natalie has appeared as lead counsel at trials and appeals at all levels of court in Ontario and practises in civil litigation, including:

- Insurance law;
- Municipal and police liability;
- Occupiers' liability;
- Defamation claims;
- Public authority litigation; and
- Tort litigation for large institutional clients and public sector organizations.

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 school board in successfully responding to two applications for judicial review which alleged the applicants' rights to freedom of expression were infringed: *Burjoski v. Waterloo Region District School Board*, 2023 ONSC 6506 and *Ramsay v. Waterloo District School Board*, 2023 ONSC 6508
- Successfully obtained a trial judgment dismissing a claim alleging negligent investigation, malicious prosecution and breach of Charter claim against a police service and investigating officers: *McCormack v. Evans*, 2023 ONSC 4340
- 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 claims: *Hotspot Auto Parts v. Thompson*, 2022 ONSC 3637; *Mondal v. Evans-Bitten*, 2022 ONSC 809, aff'd 2023 ONCA 523; and *Volpe v. Wong-Tam*, 2022 ONSC 3106
- Successfully appealed a refusal to grant 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, aff'd 2023 ONCA 63
- Successfully had a claim dismissed against police defendants alleging negligent investigation and defamation: *Supreme Auto Group Inc. v. Chief William Blair*, 2020 ONSC 1223

Insights & Events

- Author, "Court of Appeal upholds occupier's liability for failing to provide alternate exit route", BLG Article, January 2024
- Author, "ONCA upholds liability finding against municipality in icy roadway case", BLG Article, December 2023
- Co-Author, "Q&A: defamation claims in Canada," Lexology, October 2023.
- Author, "Municipality not liable for missing lights in pedestrian crosswalk", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "ONCA confirms municipality's evidentiary obligations to seek defence under MMS", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Limitations Act, 2002: The 15-year ultimate limitation period in Ontario and its exceptions", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Hansman v. Neufeld – SCC decision confirms that certain “counter-speech” is deserving of protection", BLG Article, May 2023
- Author, "Claims from minors and the 15-year ultimate limitation period in Ontario", BLG Article, May 2023
- Driving Ontario municipalities forward, BLG Video, September 2022
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal township liable for negligent building inspection", BLG Article, September 2022
- Author, "Municipality relies on Minimum Maintenance Standards in successful defence of motor vehicle accident claim", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "BLG win: defamation claim against municipal councillors dismissed", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Court emphasizes systems of maintenance in occupiers' liability claims", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Slip-and-fall claim dismissed for deficient notice", BLG Article, December 2021

- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada: Spotlight on promissory estoppel in insurance", BLG Article, December 2021
- Author, "Insurers beware: Risks of ambiguous exclusion clauses", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "Court of Appeal clarifies limitation periods for third party claims", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Anonymous internet commenter fails to set aside default judgment", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Ontario Superior Court recognizes new tort for online harassment", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act receives Royal Assent in Ontario", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "Decision to strike jury due to COVID-19 upheld by Court of Appeal", BLG Article, October 2020
- Author, "Supreme Court offers first insight into Ontario's anti-SLAPP legislation", BLG Article, September 2020
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal considers right to proceeds of "after the event" insurance", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "BLG win: negligent investigation & defamation claim summarily dismissed", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "The clearer the better: Waiver's unclear indemnity is not enforceable", BLG Article, January 2020

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

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

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*.
- 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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