New Senior Counsel bring client-first approach to BLG's National School Boards Practice

Ontario (September 27, 2024) – Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) welcomes Nadya Tymochenko and Gillian Tuck Kutarna to the firm as Senior Counsel in our National School Boards Practice, strengthening our Labour & Employment Group.

Nadya and Gillian are accomplished lawyers with decades of experience advising school boards and educational institutions. Their addition to the National School Boards Practice bolsters BLG's continued expertise and excellence in the education sector.

Nadya Tymochenko a highly regarded human rights and special education lawyer based in BLG's Toronto office, advises school boards, independent schools, and colleges. Nadya has extensive experience handling complex cases related to student discipline, special education, and health and safety. She has also made notable contributions to legal resources for school boards, co-authoring guides such as "*An Educator's Guide to Managing Sexual Misconduct in Schools*."

Gillian Tuck Kutarna is an accomplished school board and social impact lawyer based in BLG's Ottawa office, with deep expertise in education law, not-for-profit and charities law, and corporate governance. She regularly advocates for her clients in court, the human rights and other tribunals, and arbitration and mediation environments. guiding clients through complex regulatory landscapes while balancing competing rights. With Nadya, Gillian co-authored "*An Educator's Guide to Internet and Social Media in the Classroom*".

"Nadya and Gillian are both skilled lawyers with the ability to deliver exceptional outcomes in the highly complex education sector," says Graham Walker, National Group Head of BLG's Specialized Disputes Group. "Their knowledge and experience will be a great addition to our growing National School Boards Practice."

With labour, employment, and education specialists across Canada, BLG is the leading national law firm that provides full-service legal representation in both official languages to school boards, independent schools, and education sector clients. Our National School Boards Practice, led by John-Paul Alexandrowicz and Melissa L. Eldridge, is uniquely positioned to provide seamless legal support to our clients on various matters, including civil and constitutional litigation, government relations, privacy, pensions and benefits, governance, construction, and real estate.

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