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Health Law
Patient Care
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Heather advises and advocates for clients in the health sector.

Heather provides advice to health care organizations on a wide range of issues, including physician credentialing, risk management, policy, regulatory college matters and end of life issues. Heather's disputes practice is focused on medical malpractice, administrative law and public law matters.

Prior to practicing law, Heather obtained her Master of Health Administration degree and worked with legal, risk and quality teams at health organizations in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Experience

- Defends hospitals and health care providers in medical malpractice and other civil lawsuits.
- Inquests into the deaths of G.H. Ryan and W.R. Ryan - Representing Northumberland Hills Hospital.
- Represents Chiefs of Staff and Medical Advisory Committees in physician credentialing proceedings.
- Represents regulated health professionals before their governing administrative bodies in responding to complaints against them, and in reviews of complaints decisions before the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.

Insights & Events

- Co-Presenter, "Ethical Issues in Dying – Medical Assistance in Dying ," Osgoode Certificate in Health Law, April 2024.
- Author, "No quick fix: Private health care in Canada is back in the news", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "Cullen Commission Final Report makes sweeping recommendations for anti-money laundering regulation in B.C.", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Court of Appeal provides interpretative guidance on Regulated Health Professions Act", BLG Article, July 2021
- Author, "Insurers beware: Risks of ambiguous exclusion clauses", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "Recent amendments to Canada's medical assistance in dying law", BLG Article, March 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian College of Health Leaders
- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, Medico-Legal Society of Toronto

Community Involvement

- Member, Student Affairs Committee, Mount Allison University Board of Regents
- Volunteer, Probono Ontario

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2020
- Nova Scotia, 2022

- JD, Dalhousie University, 2019
- Master of Health Administration, Dalhousie University, 2019
- Honours BA, Mount Allison University, 2015

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