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Natalie practises **civil litigation** , with a focus on **insurance defence** matters involving:

- municipal and police liability
- motor vehicle accidents
- occupiers' liability
- product liability

Specifically, Natalie's practice includes defending municipalities from negligence claims involving the design and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, construction projects, **occupiers' liability**, and the **operation of storm water systems**. She also defends municipal police forces from actions alleging negligent investigation, malicious prosecution and breach of Charter rights.

Natalie has trial experience and has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Ontario. She has also appeared before tribunals, including the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal and the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.

Natalie joined BLG as an associate after summering and articling with the firm.

## Experience

- Acting for municipalities in negligence claims including property damage, maintenance, and motor vehicle accidents.

- Defending police services boards in claims including malicious prosecution, negligent investigation, and breach of Charter rights.
- Representing corporate clients in personal injury and property claims.
- Defending manufacturers in product liability cases.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Limitations Act, 2002: The 15-year ultimate limitation period in Ontario and its exceptions", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal considers right to proceeds of "after the event" insurance", BLG Article, July 2020
- Speaker, "Challenges of the Smart City and Emerging and Connected Technologies," Municipal Information Systems Association, June 3, 2019
- Author, "Jack Pot: Winners of Provincial Lottery Set to Open First Ontario Cannabis Stores Today", BLG Article, April 2019
- Speaker, "Trial Scheduling," Canadian Defence Lawyers, Law Clerks Annual Program, March 28, 2019
- Author, "Court Of Appeal Rejects The Existence Of A Tort Of Harassment", BLG Article, March 2019
- Author, "The Cannabis Conundrum: To Opt In or Out of the Retail Cannabis Regime", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "Weed Control: A Municipality's Role in the Legalization of Recreational Cannabis ", BLG Article, October 2018
- Author, "Municipality Successful In Relying On 10-Day Notice Period In Claim Involving A Minor", BLG Article, July 2017
- Author, "Court Of Appeal For Ontario Overturns Finding Of Negligent Investigation 495793 Ontario LTD (Central Auto Parts) V Barclay, 2016 ONCA 656", BLG Article, October 2016
- Co-author, "A Young Lawyer's Guide to Selecting an Expert: Practical Tips and Strategic Considerations," American Bar Association's newsletter, summer 2016
- Author, "No "Near Miss" on Offers to Settle Timing, but Discretion on Costs Rests with Trial Judge", BLG Article, January 2016
- Co-author, "Superior Court Decision Confirms Long-Term Disability Payments May Be Deductible From Awards For Income Loss," BLG Bulletin, December 2015
- Co-author, "Critical Updates on Concurrent Jurisdiction: How is Penner Being Applied by the HRTO," OBA Annual Human Rights Update, 2015
- Co-author, "Avoiding Negligence Claims: Strategies for Personal Injury Counsel," 10th Annual Update, Personal Injury Law & Practice, Osgoode Professional Development, 2014

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers

### Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Pro Bono Ontario

- Committee member, BLG United Way campaign
- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2023) of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada* (Insurance Law)

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2015
- JD, Western University, 2014
- MPP, University of Toronto, 2009
- BA (Hons.), Queen's University, 2007
- ARCT, Royal Conservatory of Music, 2007

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