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Edona is passionate about the intersection of innovation and the law. She specializes in complex commercial disputes and risk advisory services. She represents national and multi-national corporations, government authorities, and insurers in cross-border and domestic product liability, commercial, and insurance disputes across many different industries ranging from manufacturing and financial services to life sciences.

In her disputes practice, Edona has defended clients throughout all levels of court in Ontario and successfully driven claims to resolution in formal and informal alternative dispute resolution forums. Clients turn to Edona for sound guidance and timely advice. Her in-depth understanding of how business and technological innovations are transforming the status quo, allows her to better support her clients.

Armed with an insight of where her clients came from and where they want to go, she assists clients to identify and mitigate against commercial, regulatory, insurance, and litigation risks to inform internal enterprise risk management.

Much of her practice is focussed on advising on the liability associated with artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, connected devices, Internet of Things, additive and advanced digital manufacturing products. As part of

this work, Edona advises clients who either face cross-border litigation or require assistance with compliance matters in the context of Canadian operations.

Outside her law practice, Edona is committed to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. She sits on the Board of the Toronto Lawyers Association.

Experience

- Representing drug manufacturers related to pharmaceutical product litigation as a result of alleged adverse reactions.
- Acting as litigation counsel for automobile manufacturers alleging product defects.
- Representing medical device manufacturer in claims involving design manufacturing, and marketing defects.
- Representing manufacturers in fire loss claims related to alleged product defects.
- Acting as litigation counsel in the defence of professional negligence and breach of contract claims against engineers, architects, and other design professionals.
- Acting as litigation counsel for public institutions, including municipalities, in relation to infrastructure and professional negligence disputes.
- Defending insurers in litigation arising from denials of long term and short term disability benefits.
- Representing insurers and insureds on subrogated and non-subrogated claims.

Insights & Events

- Key legal issues in the metaverse: A primer for Canadian businesses, BLG Article, June 2022
- Autonomous vehicle laws in Canada: Provincial & territorial regulatory landscape, BLG Perspective, December 2021
- Medical Device Roundtable: Post-Market Surveillance Obligations, BLG Video, November 2021
- Health Canada releases guiding principles on artificial intelligence and machine learning for medical devices, BLG Article, November 2021
- Health Canada regulatory spotlight on medical device post-market surveillance, BLG Article, November 2021
- Transport Canada: 2021 Guidelines for Testing Automated Driving Systems in Canada, BLG Perspective, November 2021
- Business insurance trends: Climate change litigation, D&O risk, force majeure and transport insurance, BLG Perspective, October 2021
- Autonomous vehicles: Cross jurisdictional regulatory perspectives, BLG Perspective, October 2021
- Appellate Court rules on cyber breach class action coverage dispute, BLG Article, March 2021
- Product liability design negligence claims allowed to proceed in mass shooting class action, BLG Article, February 2021
- Court decision on defence bars assault claim, BLG Article, February 2021
- The COVID 19 vaccine: Considerations for Canadian employers, BLG Video, February 2021
- Autonomous vehicles: Moving forward in 2021 , BLG Perspective, January 2021
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Technology: the future is connected, BLG Perspective, January 2021
- Manufacturers of internet of things devices: guidance from the Canadian Federal Privacy Commissioner, BLG Article, August 2020

- Above and beyond: simply signing a waiver may not be enough, BLG Article, August 2020
- 3D printing in the time of COVID-19: A triad of legal perspectives, BLG Article, May 2020
- Product advertising and marketing in the time of COVID-19, BLG Article, May 2020
- 3D printing during COVID-19, BLG Article, April 2020
- Spotlight on medical devices in the age of COVID-19, BLG Article, April 2020
- Material withholding renders life insurance coverage voidable , BLG Article, March 2020
- The Parameters of Pre-Certification Document Discovery Cannot be Circumvented through an Improper Request to Inspect Documents, BLG Article, February 2020
- Two steps in class action “Common Issues” inquiry, court confirms, BLG Article, February 2020
- [Co-Author. "3D Printed Medical Devices and Organs: The Canadian Legal Framework" Rx for The Defense, Defence Research Institute, Fall 2019](#)
- Court Provides Guidance on Class Counsel Fees and the Class Proceedings Fund Levy Calculation, BLG Article, November 2019

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Current Board Director, Toronto Lawyers Association (Education Committee)
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers Association
- Member, Defence Research Institute
- Membership Officer - International Bar Association, Product Law and Advertising Committee
- Board Member, AIoT Canada
- Board Member, Urban Robotics Foundation

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids
- Pro Bono Duty Counsel, Law Help Ontario

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2014
- Juris Doctor (Cum Laude), University of Ottawa, 2013
- Master of Management of Innovation, University of Toronto, 2009
- Post Baccalaureate, Faculty of Science and Engineering, York University, 2008
- BSc (Honour Standing), Medical Radiation, University of Toronto, 2007



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