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Scholarly Interests

Insurance, Torts, Civil Litigation and Civil Procedure, Health Law
and Medical Liability, Accident Law

Education

Masters of Law (LL.M.) – Harvard Law School (2000) Cambridge, MA

- Thesis: Ambiguous Cause-in-Fact in the United States, Canada, and Britain, supervised by Professor Jon Hanson (later published in *Texas Int'l LJ*)
- Research Assistant to Professor Paul C. Weiler - assisted with preparations for submissions to U.S. Congress on medical malpractice reform

Juris Doctor (J.D.) – Osgoode Hall Law School (1999) Toronto, ON

- Senior Editor, *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*, 1997 - 1999
- George M. Miller Prize for academics
- Newton Rowell Scholarship for academics and public service

Honours Bachelor of Arts, English (H.B.A.) – Lakehead University (1996) Thunder Bay, ON

- Ranked first in degree program of 200
- graduated with First Class Standing
- Evelyn Halliday Scholarship for highest standing in Honours English, 1995
- Iris Jean Richards Scholarship for highest standing in English, 1993
- Thunder Bay Foundation Joshua Dyke Scholarship for academics and public service, 1992
- Canadian Merit Foundation - Outstanding Nomination Award for academics and public service, 1992

Awards and Distinctions

- Queen's University Chancellor Charles A. Baillie Teaching award (2018)
 - one university-wide award per year (over 25,000 students and over 4,000 faculty)
- Queen's University Faculty of Law Teaching Award in 2014, 2010 and 2007
- Finalist (1 of 3) for Florida State University's university-wide teaching award
 - one university-wide award per year (over 33,000 students and over 2,500 faculty)
- Elected, Member of the American Law Institute (2018)
- Elected, Fellow of the European Law Institute (2021)
- Elected Honourary Fellow, American College of Coverage Counsel (2018)
- Elected, Member of the International Association of Procedural Law (2024)

Academic Employment

Professor, Queen's University Faculty of Law (Kingston, ON 2006 – present)

- Full Professor with Tenure: 2017-present
- Associate Dean (Academic): 2018-2020
- Associate Professor with Tenure: 2011-2017
- Assistant Professor: 2006-2011
- **teaching awards:**
 - Queen's University-wide Chancellor Charles A. Baillie Teaching award (2018)
 - Faculty of Law Teaching Award in 2014, 2010 and 2007
- **courses taught:**
 - J.D. program: Insurance, Torts, Civil Procedure, Health Law, Medical Malpractice, Complex Civil Liability
 - Queen's undergraduate Arts & Science: Torts module for Law 201 (2014-present)
 - MSc in Healthcare Quality: Law, Risk and Healthcare (2013-15)
 - M.D. Program: Professional Competencies (Law) (2011)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida State University College of Law (Tallahassee, FL 05-6)

- taught Torts, Insurance survey course, Insurance seminar, Contracts I and II
- finalist (1 of 3) for university-wide teaching award

Visiting Assistant in Law, Florida State University College of Law (Tallahassee, FL 2000-1)

- taught Entertainment Law, first-year legal writing (advocacy and research)
- awarded Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Award

Sessional Lecturer (part-time), Lakehead University (Thunder Bay, ON 1999)

- taught upper year undergraduate Canadian law and legal research course

Legal Practice Employment

Associate, Litigation Department, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP (New York, NY, 2004 - 2005)

- assisted with litigating multi-million dollar 9/11, World Trade Center disaster-related insurance cases across the United States;

Associate, Research/Litigation Departments, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP (Toronto, ON, 2003 - 2004)

- complex tort, insurance, and commercial litigation cases for national and international insurers and corporations
- lead and co-counsel for tort and insurance cases for two of Canada's trans-continental railway companies
- co-counsel on cases at Court of Appeal for Ontario

Associate, Litigation Department, Carrel+Partners (Thunder Bay, ON, 2001 - 2003)

- complex tort, insurance, professional negligence cases for plaintiffs, insurers and institutional defendants
- co-counsel on cases at Supreme Court of Canada and Court of Appeal for Ontario

Student Law Clerk, Carrel+Partners (Thunder Bay, ON, 1997 - 1999 (summers))

- research and writing for complex torts, insurance, professional negligence cases

Publications

1. Books

Janet Walker, Lorne Sossin, Erik S. Knutsen & Gerard Kennedy, *CIVIL LITIGATION*, 2d ed. (Irwin Law: 2025).

Erik S. Knutsen, *HALSBURY'S LAWS OF CANADA – INSURANCE* (LexisNexis: 2023).

Bruce Feldthusen, Erik S. Knutsen, Margaret Hall & Hilary Young, *CANADIAN TORT LAW*, 13th ed. (LexisNexis: 2025) (co-author since 11th ed (2018)).

Jeffrey W. Stempel and Erik S. Knutsen, *STEMPEL & KNUTSEN ON INSURANCE COVERAGE*, 4th ed. (WoltersKluwer: 2015 - present) (2 volume, 3,006 page looseleaf treatise on American insurance law, updated at least twice a year).

2. Teaching Texts

Co-author with Jeffrey W. Stempel, *CANADIAN LAW OF INSURANCE* (LexisNexis Canada: 2025) (Canadian casebook)(800 pages).

Co-author with Jeffrey W. Stempel, *PRINCIPLES OF INSURANCE LAW*, 5th ed. (Carolina Academic Press: 2020) (American casebook)(1,015 pages) (also 4th ed (2015)).

Co-author in Janet Walker et al, *THE CIVIL LITIGATION PROCESS: CASES AND MATERIALS*, 9th ed. (Emond Montgomery: 2021) (Canadian civil procedure casebook) (also 7th and 8th eds.).

3. Book Chapters

“Insurance and ‘Green’ Liability: How Liability Insurers Can Propel Climate Change Action” in Cherie Metcalf and Stephanie Stern, eds., *INSTITUTIONS AND EFFECTIVE CLIMATE ACTION* (University of Toronto Press: forthcoming, 2025).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Safety in Numbers: Toward More Comprehensive Approaches to Difficult Risks” in Oslem Gurses & Baris Soyer, *INSURABILITY OF EMERGING RISKS – LAW, THEORY & PRACTICE* (Hart Publishing: 2025).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Insuring Against “War-Lite:” The New Face of the War Exclusion in Insurance” in Proceedings, IV Congreso Internacional de Derecho Del Seguro (El Seguro De Personas y La Inteligencia Artificial), IV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON INSURANCE LAW (Thomson Reuters: 2023).

“The Civil Jury in Canada: Evading the Inscrutable and Upholding Justice Through Community Standards” in D. Wilson, ed., ANNUAL REVIEW OF CIVIL LITIGATION, 2023 (Thomson Reuters: 2023).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “American Exceptionalism: The COVID-19 Insurance Experience” in Maria Luisa Munos Parades, ed., COVID-19 AND INSURANCE (Springer: 2022).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Textual Literalism, Formalism and Canon-Centric Construction as De Facto – and Defective – Artificial Intelligence” in Abel B. Viegas Copo & Miguel Martinez Munoz, eds., Proceedings, III Congreso Internacional de Derecho Del Seguro, III INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON INSURANCE LAW (Thomson Reuters: 2022).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Bringing Rigor to Textualism Through Artificial Intelligence” in Abel B. Viegas Copo & Miguel Martinez Munoz, eds., Proceedings, III Congreso Internacional de Derecho Del Seguro, III INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON INSURANCE LAW (Thomson Reuters: 2022).

“A Reflexive Approach to Accident Law Reform” in Eoin Quill, ed., DAMAGES AND COMPENSATION CULTURE: COMPARATIVE ESSAYS (Hart: Oxford, 2016) (13 pages)

“Coherence and the Committed Civilian: Justice LeBel’s Contributions to Canadian Accident Law,” in Dwight Newman & Malcolm Thorburn, THE DIGNITY OF LAW: THE LEGACY OF JUSTICE LOUIS LEBEL (LexisNexis: 2015) (also reproduced in SUPREME COURT L REV). (30 pages)

Erik S. Knutsen & Janet Walker, “What is the Cost of Litigating in Canada?” in Christopher Hodges, Stephan Vogenauer and Magdalena Tulibacka, eds., THE COSTS AND FUNDING OF CIVIL LITIGATION: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (Hart: Oxford, 2010) 239-260. (21 pages)

Erik S. Knutsen & Sean Rehaag, “Introduction to ‘Convergence in Dispute Resolution Processes’,” in Janet Walker & Oscar G. Chase, eds., COMMON LAW, CIVIL LAW AND THE FUTURE OF CATEGORIES 463 (LexisNexis: 2010) (also reproduced in (2010) 49 Supreme Court Law Review (2d) 463).

4. Book Reviews

“MIDDLE INCOME ACCESS TO JUSTICE by Michael Trebilcock, Anthony Duggan and Lorne Sossin, eds.” (2013) 50 OSGOODE HALL LJ 1063-1070. (7 pages)

“RIGHTS AND PRIVATE LAW by Donal Nolan and Andrew Robertson, eds.” (2013) 54 CANADIAN BUSINESS LJ 461-467. (6 pages)

The Ultimate Limitation Period: Updating the Limitation Act, (2003) 39 CAN. BUSINESS LJ 148-160. (12 pages)

5. Law Review Articles

“Rules by Consequence” INTERNATIONAL J OF PROCEDURAL LAW (forthcoming 2025). (peer reviewed)

“Real-World Insurance Policy Interpretation in Canada” (2025) CANADIAN BUSINESS LJ (forthcoming fall 2025). (peer reviewed)

“The Insurance Policy: Contract or Not? (and Why That Matters for Insurance Coverage Cases) (2025) 7 SUPREME CT L REV 95. (peer reviewed)

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Insuring Fortuity – and Intent: A Comment on Professor French’s Insuring Intentional Torts’ (2022) 83 OHIO ST LJ ONLINE 218.

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Technologically Improving Textualism” (2022) 6 NEVADA LJ FORUM 10.

“The COVID-19 Pandemic and Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption in Canada” (2021) 46 QUEEN’S LJ 431. (peer reviewed)

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Rejecting Word Worship: An Integrative Approach to Judicial Construction of Insurance Policies” (2021) 90 U CINCINNATI L REV 561.

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Infected Judgment: Problematic Rush to Conventional Wisdom and Insurance Coverage Denial in a Pandemic” (2021) 27 CONNECTICUT INSURANCE LAW LJ 247. (peer reviewed)

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Protecting Auto Accident Victims from the Insurer Identity Crisis” (2020) 26 CONNECTICUT INSURANCE LAW LJ 1 (91 pages). (peer reviewed)

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “The Techno-Neutrality Solution to Navigating Insurance Coverage for Cyber Losses” (2018) 122 PENN STATE L REV 645. (38 pages)

“The Medical Malpractice Landscape in Ontario: Facts, Trends and Analysis of Trials and Appeals,” (2017) 47 ADVOCATES QUARTERLY 131-164. (34 pages)

“Patchwork Contextualism in the Anglo-Canadian Law of Insurance Policy Interpretation: Implications for the PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF LIABILITY INSURANCE,” (2015) 68 RUTGERS U L REV 415-453. (38 pages)

“Coherence and the Committed Civilian: Justice LeBel’s Contributions to Canadian Accident Law,” (2015) 70 SUPREME COURT L REV (2d) 93-121. (28 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Fortuity Victims and the Compensation Gap: Re-envisioning Liability Insurance Coverage for Intentional and Criminal Conduct,” (2014) 21 CONNECTICUT INSURANCE LAW LJ 209-253. (44 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Coping with Complex Causation Information in Personal Injury Cases,” (2013) 41 ADVOCATES QUARTERLY 149-178. (30 pages)

Co-author with Thomas Rowe, David Bamford, and Shirley Shipman, “The Teaching of Procedure Across Common Law Systems,” (2013) 51 OSGOODE HALL LJ 1-43. (43 pages) (peer reviewed)

Co-author with David Bamford, Trevor C.W. Farrow, Michael Karyanni, Shirley Shipman, and Beth Thornburg, “Learning the ‘How’ Of the Law: Teaching Procedure and Legal Education,” (2013) 51 OSGOODE HALL LJ 45-91 (2013). (46 pages) (peer reviewed)

Co-author with Beth Thornburg, Carla Crifo, Camille Cameron, and David Bamford, “A Community of Procedural Scholars: Teaching Procedure and the Legal Academy,” (2013) 51 OSGOODE HALL LJ 93-155. (62 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Causation in Canadian Insurance Law,” (2013) 50 ALBERTA L REV 631-658. (28 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Five Problems With Personal Injury Litigation (And What To Do About It!),” (2013) 40 ADVOCATES QUARTERLY 492-517. (26 pages)

“Fortuity Clauses in Liability Insurance: Solving Coverage Dilemmas for Intentional and Criminal Conduct,” (2011) 36 QUEEN’S LJ 73. (44 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Auto Insurance as Social Contract: Solving Automobile Insurance Coverage Disputes Through a Public Regulatory Framework,” (2011) 48 ALBERTA LAW REV 715. (38 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Causal Draws and Causal Inferences: A Solution to Clements v. Clements (and other causation cases),” (2011) 39 ADVOCATES QUARTERLY 241. (16 pages)

“The Cost of Costs: The Unfortunate Deterrence of Everyday Civil Litigation in Canada,” (2010) 36 QUEEN’S LJ 113. (48 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Confusion About Causation in Insurance: Solutions for Catastrophic Losses,” (2010) 61 ALABAMA L REV 957. (67 pages)

“Clarifying Causation in Tort,” (2010) 33 DALHOUSIE L.J. 153. (37 pages) (peer reviewed)

“Keeping Settlements Secret,” (2010) 37 FLORIDA STATE U L REV 945. (70 pages)

Erik S. Knutsen & Sean Rehaag, "Introduction to 'Convergence in Dispute Resolution Processes'," (2010) 49 Supreme Court Law Review (2d) 463 (also reproduced in Janet Walker & Oscar G. Chase, eds., COMMON LAW, CIVIL LAW AND THE FUTURE OF CATEGORIES 463 (LexisNexis: 2010)). (12 pages) (peer reviewed)

"Ambiguous Cause-in-Fact and Structured Causation: A Multi-Jurisdictional Approach," (2003) 34 TEXAS INT'L LJ 249-289 (40 pages)

"Techno-neutrality of Freedom of Expression in New Media Beyond the Internet: Solutions for the United States and Canada," (2001) 8 UCLA ENTERTAINMENT L REV 87-183. (96 pages)

"Science-Policy Disputes: Resolution Through Data Mediation," (2001) J DISPUTE RESOLUTION 301-320. (19 pages)

6. Conference Proceedings at Scholarly Conferences

"Closing the Gate on Ontario Securities Class Actions," The Corporation in the Courts: 13th Annual Queen's Business Law Symposium, (Kingston: 2008).

7. Publications in Legal Professional Outlets

"Keeping Causation Simple" THE LITIGATOR: JOURNAL OF THE ONTARIO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (Spring 2023).

"Causation in Automobile Liability Insurance" THE LITIGATOR: JOURNAL OF THE ONTARIO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (Fall 2011).

with Helen H. Chan, "Peoples' Republic of China Insurance: Wrestling Investment from Regulatory Talons" Westlaw Business Currents-Thomson Reuters (August 10, 2010).

"Seeking Leave to Appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada for Personal Injury Cases" THE LITIGATOR: JOURNAL OF THE ONTARIO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (July 2009).

"Causation in Medical Malpractice at the Court of Appeal for Ontario," Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Newsletter (summer 2008).

"Ontario's Limitations Act, 2002: Highlights in a Banking Context," 23 NAT'L BANKING L. REV. 1 (2004).

"Limitation Periods and the Symbiosis of Capacity and Discoverability," in T. Archibald and M. Cochrane, eds., ANNUAL REVIEW OF CIVIL LITIGATION 2002 (Toronto: Carswell, 2003) at 237-253.

"Examination for Discovery of the Plaintiff: What the Defence Must Achieve for Success at Trial" in R. Oatley and J. McLeish, eds., The Oatley-McLeish Guide to Personal Injury Practice in Motor Vehicle Cases (2003) (looseleaf) (Toronto: Canada Law Book).

“A Litigator’s Guide to the Limitations Act, 2002” in R. Oatley and J. McLeish, eds., *The Oatley-McLeish Guide to Personal Injury Practice in Motor Vehicle Cases* (2003) (looseleaf) (Toronto: Canada Law Book).

Co-author, “Overlapping Coverage: The Matrix of Coverage, ‘Other Insurance,’ Causation, and Exclusions” *The Six Minute Insurance Primer: Law Society of Upper Canada* (December 4, 2003).

Co-author, *A Principled Approach to Concurrent Causation in Insurance Disputes*, *THE LITIGATOR: JOURNAL OF THE ONTARIO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION* 9 (2002).

8. Publications in Media Outlets

With Peter Kochenburger and Jeffrey Stempel, “COVID Coverage Cases Conflict with Insurer Documentation” *Law360* (May 24, 2022).

“Dangerous Dictionary: The Problem of Meta-Literalism in Insurance Policy Interpretation” *Lawyers Weekly* (October 28, 2011).

“The Innocent Co-insured: Severable Coverage Could Protect Innocent Family Members” *Lawyers Weekly* (June 11, 2011).

“Auto Insurance as a Social Contract: Why the Contractual Model for Interpretation Doesn’t Work” *Lawyers Weekly* (October 29, 2010).

“Why Insurers Should Re-Think Criminal Conduct Exclusions” *Lawyers Weekly* (May 4, 2010).

“Defining “Accident:” Abandoning Prior Tortured Approaches” *Lawyers Weekly* (March 27, 2009).

“Categorizing Concurrent Causation in Insurance,” *Lawyers Weekly* (March 21, 2008).

Presentations

1. Scholarly Presentations

“Rules by Consequence” Canadian Law and Economics Association Conference, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, Ontario (October 4, 2025) (peer-reviewed).

“Rules by Consequence” International Association of Procedural Law Colloquium 2025, Zagreb, Croatia (September 12, 2025) (peer-reviewed, juried conference – among top 5 papers).

Co-host of seminar, “Insurance as an Investment: The Retail Investment Strategy of the European Union” 10th Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute Insurance Law Special Interest Group (November 21, 2024).

“Real-World Insurance Policy Interpretation in Canada,” Canadian Law and Economics Association Conference, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, Ontario (October 26-27, 2024).

“Insurance Policy Interpretation at the Edges of Coverage” Canadian Law of Obligations Conference, U de Montréal Faculty of Law, Montréal, Québec (October 16-17, 2024).

“Insurance Policy Interpretation at the Edges of Coverage” International Conference on Contract Law KCON XVII, University of Bristol Law School, Bristol, U.K. (June 21, 2024).

Co-host, “Insurance and Climate Change Risks” Sixth Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute (March 14, 2024).

Moderator, “The Current State-of-Play in Canada’s Direct Regulatory Oversight of Health AI” Machine MD: Primary Care & Artificial Intelligence Workshop, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON (Feb. 25, 2024).

“Insurance, Climate Change and the Challenge of ‘Green’ Liability,” Rutgers Center for Risk and Responsibility, Rutgers University Law School, Camden, NJ (Feb. 22, 2024).

Commentator on “Advanced Research Planning for Adults Lacking Capacity to Consent” by Dr. Victoria Shepherd, Cardiff University, UK, lecture at Queen’s University, Kingston, ON (Feb. 1, 2024).

“Insurance and ‘Green’ Liability: How Liability Insurers Can Propel Climate Change Action” Institutions for Effective Climate Action: An International and Comparative Perspective, Queen’s University Faculty of Law, Kingston, Ontario (Dec. 1-2, 2023).

“Real-world Insurance Policy Interpretation in Canada” Canadian Commercial Law Symposium, Kingston, Ontario (Sept. 23, 2023).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “The New Face(s) and Future(s) of War and Related Exclusions” Third International Congress of Liability Insurance, hosted by Camillas Universidad Pontificia - Cateria Uria Menendez-Icade de Regulation de los Mercados, Madrid, Spain (October 14, 2022).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “The Combative War Exclusion: Past, Present, Future Theory and Practice” Seventh Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute (September 29, 2022).

Co-host, “Automobile Insurance Problems and Policies: Cross Border Situations” Fifth Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute (May 19, 2022).

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “(North) American Exceptionalism: The Auto Liability Version” Fourth Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute March 23, 2022).

“Bringing Rigor to Textualism Through Artificial Intelligence” International Congress of Liability Insurance, hosted by Camillas Universidad Pontificia - Cateria Uria Menendez-Icade de Regulation de los Mercados, Madrid, Spain (October 6, 2021).

Co-host, “Insurance and Artificial Intelligence” Third Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute (September 23, 2021).

Co-host, “COVID-19 and Reinsurance,” Second Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute (June 23, 2021).

Co-host, “COVID-19 and Business Interruption Insurance,” First Transatlantic Lectures on Insurance Law (online), European Law Institute (March 25, 2021).

“Liability Insurance and Third Party Accident Victims” International Congress of Liability Insurance, hosted by Camillas Universidad Pontificia - Cateria Uria Menendez-Icade de Regulation de los Mercados, Madrid, Spain (October 9, 2020).

with Barbara Billingsley, Trevor Farrow, Noel Sempel, and Anna Lund, “Developing Practice Foundations Through Experiential Learning in the Civil Procedure Classroom” Canadian Association of Law Teachers Annual Conference, Kingston, ON (May 31, 2018). (peer reviewed)

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Techno-neutrality: Navigating Insurance Coverage for Cyber Losses” Penn State Law Review Symposium on Cyber Insurance, Pittsburgh, PA (April 13, 2018). (peer reviewed)

with Jeffrey W. Stempel, “Rejecting Word Worship: An Integrative Approach to Insurance Policy Construction” American Law Institute Early Career Scholars Medal Conference, Washington, D.C. (April 6, 2018). (peer reviewed)

“Insurance Policy Interpretation at the Edges of Coverage” Rutgers-Camden School of Law Centre for Risk and Responsibility, Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A. (October 20, 2017).

“Patchwork Contextualism in the Anglo-Canadian Law of Insurance Policy Interpretation: Implications for the RESTATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF LIABILITY INSURANCE” Rutgers Law School Centre for Risk and Responsibility Conference on RESTATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF LIABILITY INSURANCE, Camden, NJ (Feb. 28, 2015).

“A Reflexive Approach to Accident Law Reform” Lakehead University Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, Thunder Bay, Ontario (Sept. 22, 2015).

“Canada’s Accident Law System as Triumvirate of Tort, Insurance and Civil Litigation: Implications for Ireland” International Commercial and Economic Law Group, University of Limerick School of Law, “Compensation Culture: Comparative Tort Law Reform in the 21st Century” conference, Limerick, Ireland (May 23-24, 2014). (peer reviewed)

- “Why Compensating Medical Malpractice Patients Fails in Canada: Empirical Evidence from the Court of Appeal for Ontario” U. de Montreal “Compensation and the Common Law” conference, Montreal, PQ (March 21, 2014). (peer reviewed)
- “A Reflexive Approach to the Symbiotic Nature of Canadian Accident Law” Conference Celebrating Justice Louis LeBel’s Contributions, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (October 18-19, 2014).
- “Synthetic Justice” Windsor Law School Round-table on Civil Procedure, Windsor, ON (March 30, 2014).
- “From Fortuity to Morality and Back: Re-envisioning Liability Insurance Coverage for Intentional and Criminal Conduct” Rutgers-Camden School of Law Centre for Risk and Responsibility, Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A. (September 21, 2013).
- “Fortuity Clauses in Liability Insurance: Solving Coverage Dilemmas for Intentional and Criminal Conduct” Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario (September 24, 2011). (peer reviewed)
- “Fortuity Clauses in Insurance: Moral Hazard or Moral Crusade?” Spring Conference on Contracts – University of Nevada, Las Vegas (February 27, 2010). (peer reviewed)
- “Teaching Procedure Across Common Law Systems: Canada,” “Scholarly Symbiosis: Canadian Civil Procedure Teaching and Scholarship,” and “Teaching Civil Procedure as Integrated System in Canada,” Oxford-Queens-Osgoode Project on Civil Procedure, Herstmenceux, England (June 26, 2010).
- Canadian Studies Visiting Lecture, “Canada’s Accident Compensation System: Some Reflections for China” Fudan University School of Law, Shanghai, China (May 6, 2010).
- “Canada’s Accident Compensation System: Some Reflections for China” School of Law, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China (May 5, 2010).
- “Confusion About Causation in Insurance: Solutions for Catastrophic Losses” Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association Annual Conference, Peking University, Beijing, China (July 20, 2009) (peer-reviewed).
- Co-presenter with Janet Walker, “Litigation Funding and Costs in Canada,” Litigation Funding and Costs Conference, Oxford University Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, (July 6, 2009). (peer reviewed)
- “Default Rules for Concurrent Causation in Insurance Contracts” Association of American Law Schools Insurance Law Section-sponsored poster presentation, AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (January 10, 2009). (peer reviewed)

Moderator, “Convergence in ‘Dispute Resolution’ Processes,” International Association of Procedural Law 2009 Conference, Toronto, ON (June 4, 2009).

“Keeping Settlements Secret,” PrawfsFest Junior Scholars Conference, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL (April 29, 2009).

“Default Rules for Concurrent Causation in Insurance Contracts” Queen’s University Law, Economics, and Public Policy Speaker Series, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON (February 2, 2009).

“Secret Settlements,” Young Scholars’ Conference – McGill - Queen’s University Faculty of Law, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON (January 23, 2009).

Panelist, “Class Actions: The Next Wave,” The Corporation in the Courts: 13th Annual Queen’s Business Law Symposium, Kingston, ON (September 19, 2006).

“Concurrent Causation in Insurance Contracts,” Florida State University College of Law – Faculty Workshop Lecture Series, Tallahassee, FL (June 17, 2006).

Harvard Law School – Guest Lecture, Entertainment and Media Law class, (reforms in intellectual property law in entertainment industry), Cambridge, MA (Oct. 13, 2004).

2. Legal Practice and Judicial Education Presentations

“Insurance Coverage Sources Beyond the Obvious: Creativity and Challenges” Insurance Law Conference 2025, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC) (Nov. 17, 2025).

“Insurance Coverage Issues and Considerations” Thunder Bay Law Association Continuing Legal Education 2025 (Thunder Bay, ON) (October 30, 2025).

“Insurance and End-of-Life Issues” Queen’s Law Certificate Program in End-of-Life Legal Issues (June 4, 2025).

“Fortuity in Insurance: Insuring Intentional and Criminal Acts” Canadian Bar Association Insurance Law Section - Alberta, Calgary, Alberta (September 19, 2024).

“Intervening Acts and Foreseeability in Torts” National Judicial Institute Civil Law National Conference, Halifax, NS (June 6, 2024).

“Keeping Causation, Remoteness and Damages in Their Lanes” National Judicial Institute Civil Law National Conference, Halifax, NS (June 7, 2024).

“Real World Insurance Policy Interpretation in Canada: Cases from BC and Ontario” British Columbia Insurance Coverage Group (Vancouver, BC)(online) (Jan. 19, 2024).

- “Real World Insurance Policy Interpretation in Canada: Cases from BC and Ontario” Insurance Law Conference 2023, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC) (Dec. 4, 2023).
- “Challenges with Concurrent Tortfeasors” Thunder Bay Law Association Continuing Legal Education 2023 (Thunder Bay, ON)(online) (October 12, 2023)
- “The Law Behind Birth Injury Cases” 18th Annual Update: Personal Injury Law and Practice 2023 (Toronto, ON)(online)(October 5, 2023).
- “Practical Strategies with Insurance Policy Interpretation” 19th Insurance Law Symposium, Canadian Defence Lawyers Association (Toronto, ON) (April 28, 2023).
- “Practical Strategies with Insurance Policy Interpretation” Insurance Law Conference 2022, Continuing Legal Education of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)(online) (October 14, 2022).
- “The Top Defence Cases of the Year” Canadian Defence Lawyers Annual Conference 2022 (Toronto, ON)(online)(June 15, 2022).
- “Unravelling Cases with Concurrent or Multiple Tortfeasors” The Advocates Society Tricks of the Trade (Toronto, ON)(online)(January 28, 2022).
- “Medical Malpractice Update” Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Section (Toronto, ON)(online)(December 15, 2021)
- “Foreseeability in the Law of Negligence” County of Carleton Law Association Continuing Legal Education 2021 (Ottawa, ON)(online) (November 18, 2021)
- “Foreseeability in the Law of Negligence” Thunder Bay Law Association Continuing Legal Education 2021 (Thunder Bay, ON)(online) (October 27, 2021)
- “Causation in Insurance Law” Insurance Law Conference 2021, Continuing Legal Education of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)(online) (October 26, 2021)
- “COVID-19 and Business Interruption Insurance: Lessons from the U.S.” Insurance Law Conference 2021, Continuing Legal Education of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)(online) (October 26, 2021)
- “Causation Update: Where we are and Where we are going” in 4th Annual Motor Vehicle Litigation Summit, Law Society of Ontario (Toronto, ON) (online)(September 13, 2021)
- “Causation: Doctrine, Problems and Solutions” in 16th Annual Update: Personal Injury Law and Practice, Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development (online) (April 29, 2021).
- “Causation in Tort: Setting the Stage” Causation on Trial: Making Sense of Causation in the

Most Difficult Cases, Law Society of Ontario (online) (February 26, 2021).

“Insurance and the Pandemic” National Business, Corporate and Commercial Law Program (online), National Judicial Institute (February 2, 2021).

“Causation, Science and Juries in the New MVA World” Law Society of Ontario Motor Vehicle Accident Summit II, Toronto, ON (March 29, 2019).

Academic Program Committee Co-Coordinator, National Judicial Institute’s annual nationwide Civil Law Program 2018 – Technological Transformation of Civil Law, St. John’s, NL (May 8-11, 2018)

- in addition to program co-ordination duties, presented three sessions: medical malpractice, compensation for cyber harms and a final topic summation

“Two New Directions in Tort: Proving Mental Injury and Battling Causation Challenges” Thunder Bay Law Association Conference, Thunder Bay, ON (October 13, 2017).

“The Bleeding Edge: The Top Five Defence Cases of 2016-2017” Canadian Defence Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario (June 7, 2017).

“Insurance Policy Interpretation: Getting Language to Work for You” Ontario Trial Lawyers Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario (October 28, 2016).

Academic Program Committee Co-Coordinator, National Judicial Institute’s annual nationwide Civil Law Program 2016 – Remedies for Civil Claims, Vancouver, BC (May 16-19, 2016)

- in addition to program co-ordination duties, presented session on tort causation

“The Continuing Evolution of Causation in Personal Injury Claims” 10th Annual Update: Personal Injury Law and Practice, Osgoode Professional Development, Osgoode Hall Law School (September 30, 2014).

Academic Program Coordinator, National Judicial Institute’s annual nationwide Civil Law Program 2014 – Tort Law in an Age of Flood and Fire, Montreal, PQ (May 13-15, 2014)

- in addition to program co-ordination duties, presented sessions on Medical Malpractice Appellate Trends and Causation in Insurance

“Negligent Misrepresentation Damages: Tort versus Contract” National Judicial Institute Program for Alberta Queen’s Bench, Calgary, AB (January 30, 2014).

“Medical Malpractice at the Court of Appeal for Ontario” Medical Malpractice Section, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Conference, Toronto, ON (April 12, 2013).

“The Top Five Things Wrong with Personal Injury Law (and What To Do About It)” Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Annual Spring Conference 2012, Toronto, ON (June 18, 2012).

Keynote Address: “Understanding Causation” Advocates Society Annual “Tricks of the Trade” Conference, Toronto, ON (January 27, 2012).

“Clarifying Causation in Tort” Causation in Tort II, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC (June 2, 2011).

“Fortuity Clauses in Liability Insurance: Coverage Issues for Intentional and Criminal Conduct” Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Annual Spring Conference, Toronto, ON (May 26, 2011).

“Clarifying Causation in Canada,” Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Annual Spring Conference, Toronto, ON (May 27, 2009).

“Persuasive Advocacy and Practical Research,” Thunder Bay Law Association Conference, Thunder Bay, ON (October 14, 2007).

“Arguing American Personal Injury Law in Canadian Courts,” 2006 Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Fall Conference, Toronto, ON (October 26, 2006).

“Pushing the Doctrinal Envelope in Ambiguous Causation Cases,” Litigating and Defending Against Subtle Injury Disability Claims, Insight (April 29, 2004).

“Examination for the Discovery of the Plaintiff: What the Defence Must Achieve for Success at Trial,” The Oatley-McLeish Guide to Personal Injury Practice in Motor Vehicle Cases: Law Society of Upper Canada (December 9, 2003).

“Limitation Periods and the Symbiosis of Capacity and Discoverability,” Thunder Bay Law Association Continuing Legal Education Conference, Thunder Bay, ON (October 18, 2003).

“Capacity, Insurance Limitations Periods, and The Adjuster,” Thunder Bay Insurance Adjusters Association Annual Conference, Thunder Bay, ON (November 30, 2001).

“Insurance Limitation Periods: It Isn’t Over Until It’s Really Over,” Thunder Bay Law Association Continuing Legal Education Conference, Thunder Bay, ON (October 25, 2001).

3. Other Presentations

“Insurance Law and Business” Business-Law Research Exchange on Contracts, Capital and Climate: Risk, Responsibility and Accountability” Queen’s Law and Queen’s Smith School of Business Research Series (Nov. 24, 2025).

“Learning the Hard Way: Applying for a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant” Queen’s University Research Services Grant Information Session (Sept. 9, 2015).

“Fortuity Clauses in Liability Insurance: Solving Coverage Dilemmas for Intentional and Criminal Conduct,” Inaugural Queens Law Journal Author Lecture, Kingston, Ontario (January 23, 2012).

“Confidential Settlements in Canada,” Cornwall Public Inquiry Research Roundtable on Confidentiality of Settlement Agreements for Abuse Claims, Cornwall, ON (December 4, 2008) (invited presenter).

Panel Moderator, Young Scholars’ Conference – McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, PQ (January 26, 2007).

“Riding Out the Internet Storm: Legal Challenges to the Provision of Internet Services to the Public,” Ontario Library Association SuperConference IV, Toronto, ON (January 22, 1999).

Research Grants

Foundation for Canadian Legal Research Grant, “Doing What Your Doctor Tells You?: Informed Consent in Canadian Medical Malpractice Law” (\$9,216) (March 2025).

Foundation for Canadian Legal Research Grant, “Insurance Policy Interpretation in Canada” (\$9,370) (March 2021).

“Floods, Fires, Crashes: Resolving Post-Disaster Insurance Coverage Conflicts in Canada” (\$152,630) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant (April 2015).

Queen’s University Senate Advisory Research Committee 4A SSHRC Funding Grant “Language of Last Resort in the Wake of Disaster: Constructing a Comparative Conceptual Framework for Canadian Insurance Law” (\$3,500) (May 2014).

Foundation for Canadian Legal Research Grant, “Dueling Duties: Resolving Conflicting Duties of Care in Tort” (\$5,070) (May, 2013).

Foundation for Canadian Legal Research Grant, “Medical Malpractice at the Court of Appeal for Ontario: A Ten Year Empirical Study” (\$5,000) (May, 2011).

Co-applicant, “The Cost of Justice: Weighing the Costs of Fair and Effective Resolution to Legal Problems” (main coordinator is Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, York University) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council - Community University Research Alliance Grant (\$1,000,000 for 5 years) (August, 2011).

Foundation for Canadian Legal Research Grant, “Fortuity Clauses in Insurance: Moral Hazard or Moral Crusade?” (\$5,000) (March, 2010).

Queen’s University Advisory Research Committee Principal’s Development Fund Grant (competitive application) “Just Accidents or Deadly Force: Tort Liability for Police Pursuit Collisions” (\$5,000) (March 2009).

Queen's University Travel Grant (\$750) (competitive application) (February 2009).

Foundation for Canadian Legal Research Grant, "Clarifying Causation in Canada" (\$5,000) (May, 2008).

Borden, Ladner, Gervais LLP Fellowship (\$10,000) (February 2, 2007).

Graduate Student Supervision

1. Graduate Students Supervised

Hannah Hunter-Loubert, LL.M. (civil procedure) (2025 - 2026)

Lachlan Caunt, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow in Insurance Law (2020-2021)

Christopher Whitehead, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher in Insurance Law (2019-2020)

Michele Leering, PhD (co-supervised with Sharryn Aiken): "Legal Education and 'Reflective Practice' in Canada and Australia: Re-imagining Legal Education" (2015-2023)

Shoba Ranganathan, LL.M.: "Controlling Medical Errors in Primary Care Settings" (2009 - 2012)

2. Graduate Student Examiner Roles

Ph.D. External Examiner for Brajesh Ranjan "The Role of Judges in Delaying Timely Access to Civil Justice: Analysis and Proposal for Reform" (McGill Faculty of Law, Montreal, PQ, December 16, 2024).

Ph.D. Internal Examiner for Ryan Minor, "Lower Tax on Innovation Output: The Uneasy Case Against an Innovation Box in Canada" (January 17, 2024).

LL.M. thesis examiner for Matthew Elias, "Does conscience subvert the law in the context of constructive trusts?" (Jan 11, 2024).

Ph.D. Supervisory Committee and Chair of Examination Committee for Abayomi Okubote, "Comparative Legal and Regulatory Approaches to Third Party Funding in International Arbitration" (2022)

Ph.D. External Examiner for Gerard Kennedy PHD dissertation: "Hryniak, the 2010 Amendments and the First Stages of a Culture Shift: The Evolution of Ontario Civil Procedure in the 2010s" (Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON, January 20, 2020).

Ph.D. Examination Committee for Ksenia Polonskaya, “Examining the Mechanisms for Dismissal of Frivolous and Abuse of Process Claims in the International Investment Regime: A Case of Failed Legal Transplant?” (2018)

LL.M. thesis examiner for Christa Bracci, “Developing a Taxonomy for Legal Research” (2017).

LL.M. thesis examiner for Imran Akram, “Environmental Law in Pakistan” (2011).

Ph.D. External Examiner for Joseph Campisi, Jr. PhD dissertation: “One Step Forward or Two Steps Back? Access to Justice Through the Lens of Auto Insurance Reform, 1990 – 2008” (Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON July 13, 2009).

LL.M. Mini-thesis reviewer for:

Nimra Ali, “Addressing Transboundary Environmental Harm Through Attribution Science” (2024)

Phillipe Doumaine, “Arbitration Agreements, Class Actions, and Access to Justice” (2010)

Monu Bansal, “Indian Women and Civil Remedies for Sexual Assault” (2007)

Andrij Kowalsky, “After Bill C-49: Access to Civil Justice for Trafficked Persons in Canadian Human Trafficking Policy” (2006)

University, Faculty and Professional Service

1. University Service

Member, Law School Dean Search Committee (2022 – 2023)

Member, Queen’s Principal’s Impact Course Competition (2022)

Chair, Student Learning Working Group, Principal’s Strategic Mandate (2021)

Member, Queen’s Health Policy Council (2019 – present)

Member, Chancellor Charles A. Baillie University Teaching Award Committee (2019)

Member, Queen’s University Law Dean Search Committee (2018 - 2019)

Member (elected), Queen’s University Senate (2014 – 2018)

- Member, Queen’s University Principal Search Committee (2018)
- Chair, Queen’s University Senate Governance and Nominating Committee (2015 – 2017)
- Member, Queen’s University Senate Governance and Nominating Committee (2014 – 2015)

Member, Health Sciences Research Ethics Board, Queen’s University (2016 – 2018)

Member, steering committee for Queen’s Masters of Science in Health Care Quality (interdisciplinary professional degree about patient safety) (2012 – 2016)

Member, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Queen's University Faculty Association (2011-2013)

2. Law Faculty Service

Member, Academic Standing and Policies Committee (2025)

Member, Term Adjuncts Appointments Committee (2021 – 2022; 2024)

Renewal, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011 – 2013, 2015 – 2016, 2023 – 2024)

Coach, Tort Law Moot Inter-provincial competition (2023 – 2024)

Member, Internal Academic Review Committee (2022 – present)

Admissions, Chair (2022 – 2023)

Member, Grades Committee (2018-2020)

Member, Student Awards Committee (2019-2020)

Chair, Term Adjuncts Appointments Committee (2018-2020)

Academic Advisor, Introduction to Legal Skills Program (2018-2020)

Faculty Appointments Committee (2008 – 2011; 2016 - 2017)

Introduction to Legal Skills Program Faculty Liaison (2016 - 2017)

Organizer, Queen's Law Moot Camp 2015 (training day for all mooters)

Member, Law School Cyclical Review Committee (2014 – 2015)

Member, Law School First Year Curriculum Reform Committee (2014 – 2015)

Member, Law School Strategic Planning Committee (2013 – 2014)

Co-ordinator, Oslers Distinguished Visitors in Law Speakers Series (2012 – 2014)

Member, Curriculum Review Committee (2012 – 2014)

Coach, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Cup Team (Mock Trial Competition), 2007 – 2014
(2007 Cup Winners, 2008 Best Advocate Winners, 2010 Best Closing, 2011 Best Team, Best Overall Advocate, Best Opening, Best Examination-in-chief, 2012 Best Examination-in-chief)

Member, Building Revitalization Project Committee (2010 – 2011)

Admissions, Aboriginal Category Sub-Committee (2007 – 2009)

Access-Mature Category Sub-Committee (2006 – 2007)

Coach, Arnup Cup Team (Mock Trial Competition) (2007)

Judge, Fasken, Martineau, DuMoulin LLP International Law Moot (Toronto) (2008)

Member, Computer-based Exams Committee (2007 – 2009)

Law school representative, Frontenac Law Association, 2007 – 2008

3. Professional Service

Appointed Member, Ontario Civil Rules Committee (2024 – present)

Member, Better Civil Rules Collaborative (2025 – present)

Guest Member, Holland Group: Access to Justice in Medical Malpractice (2022 – present)

Judge, Canadian Tort Law Moot (2022)

Members Advisory Group, American Law Institute Restatement of the Law: Medical Malpractice (2022 – present)

Members Advisory Group, American Law Institute Restatement of the Law: Torts - Remedies (2022 – present)

Member, Law Commission of Ontario Law School Liaison Group, 2007 – 2017

Member, Ontario Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Professionalism, 2009 – 2017

Member (elected) of Executive, Insurance Law Section, Association of American Law Schools, 2010 – 2011 (Treasurer, 2011) .

Editorial Board Membership and Peer-Reviewing Activities

Member, Editorial Board, *Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Journal* (leading peer reviewed academic journal of American Bar Association in the field)(2024 - present)

Member, International Reading Committee, *Insurance and Risk Management*

Member, Editorial Board, *Lakehead Law Journal*

External Reviewer: Austrian Science Foundation (medical liability grant)(2022).

External Reviewer: Israeli Science Foundation (insurance law grant)(2022).

Invited peer-reviewer (occasional) for academic journals:

- *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance*
- *Queen's Law Journal*
- *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*
- *McGill Law Journal*
- *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*
- *University of British Columbia Law Review*
- *Alberta Law Review*
- *Saskatchewan Law Review*
- *Canadian Bar Review*
- *Canadian Journal of Family Law*
- *Canadian Law & Society Review*
- *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal*
- *McGill Journal of Law and Health*
- *Supreme Court Law Review*
- *Dalhousie Law Journal*
- *Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues*

Member, Board of Editors, *The Litigator* - Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, 2006 - 2008.

Academic and Professional Affiliations

- Association of American Law Schools (insurance, torts, civil procedure sections)
- Canadian Law and Economics Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice section

Bar Membership

Member of Law Society of Ontario (2002 – present)

Community Service

Board Member (appointed), Providence Care Board of Directors (hospital providing rehabilitative, mental health, and long term care services) (2014 – 2017)

- Member, Performance, Assurance and Quality Committee (2014 – 2017)
- Member, Strategic Advisory Committee (2015 – 2017)

Board Member (municipal appointment), Kingston-Frontenac Public Library Board, 2009 – 2015

Notable Litigation Experience

1. Supreme Court of Canada

Bannon v Thunder Bay, [2002] 1 S.C.R. 716, 210 D.L.R. (4th) 62 (co-counsel)
-incapacity of injured persons extends municipal notice period for tort actions

Derksen v 539938 Ontario Ltd., [2001] 3 S.C.R. 398, 205 D.L.R. (4th) 1, 273 N.R. 356, 33 C.C.L.I. (3d) 1, [2002] I.L.R. I-4029, 15 M.V.R. (4th) 1 (research consulting)
-modernizing concurrent causation doctrine in insurance

2. Ontario Court of Appeal

Stadnyk v. City of Thunder Bay, 2025 ONCA 137 (co-counsel)
-class action about municipal tort immunity clause

R.E. v Wawanesa (2007), 84 O.R. (3d) 668, 278 D.L.R. (4th) 415 (CA) (co-counsel)
-interpretation of intentional and criminal act exclusion in homeowners insurance

Mobile Mini v Centreline Equipment Ltd., [2004] O.J. No. 3659 (CA) (co-counsel)
-equity in applying contractual choice of forum clauses

Eichmanis v Prystay, [2004] O.J. No. 1382 (CA) (co-counsel)
-tort standard of care for blended family members allowing children to access firearms

3. Ontario Divisional Court

Allen v Orchard Pharmacy, (2013) ONSC 7499 (co-counsel)
-estoppel and summary judgment costs issues in employment dispute

4. Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Stadynk v. City of Thunder Bay, 2023 ONSC 3920 (SCJ) (co-counsel)
-class action certification motion for pipes damaged from chemical in municipal water

R.E. v Wawanesa Mut. Ins. Co. (2006), 80 O.R. (3d) 114, 36 C.C.L.I. (4th) 75 (co-counsel)
-homeowners insurance coverage issues for child victim of firearms accident

Kaizer v Terrace Bay Police et al, [2004] O.J. No. 1745 (co-counsel)
-prosecutor and police liability for alleged wrongful assault investigation and conviction

Bannon v Thunder Bay (2003), 61 O.R. (3d) 358, 216 D.L.R. (4th) 767 (co-counsel)
-damages for knee injury, pre-existing conditions, mitigation

Eichmanis v Prystay, [2003] O.J. No. 450 (co-counsel)
-standard of care for blended family members allowing children to access firearms

Selected Litigation Consulting Experience

Gruver v State of Louisiana (2023 18-772-SDD-EWD)(U.S. Dist. Ct., Middle Dist. of Louisiana)(insurance for criminal and intentional acts; expert witness)

1688782 Ontario Inc. v. Maple Leaf Foods Inc., 2020 SCC 35 (Supreme Court of Canada)(negligent misrepresentation)

Surujdeo v Melady, 2017 ONCA 41 (Court of Appeal for Ontario)(medical malpractice causation)

Mangal v William Osler Health Centre, 2014 ONCA 638 (Court of Appeal for Ontario)(medical malpractice causation)

Clements v Clements, 2012 SCC 32 (Supreme Court of Canada)(tort causation)

Fairclough Homes Limited v Summers, [2012] UKSC 26 (U.K. Supreme Court)(abuse of process)

News Media Appearances

“TSDB’s suit over devastating York Memorial fire can proceed” Toronto Star (September 22, 2025).

“Local doctor lauded as pandemic hero now on OHIP’s hook for \$600,000, ‘crickets’ from Ford government” Kingstonist (October 30, 2024).

“The Top Litigation Firms in Canada” Canadian Lawyer Magazine (October 1, 2024).

“Higgs pledges legislation to protect health workers from lawsuits” Hamilton Spectator, Penticton Herald and others (Aug. 28, 2024).

“Insurers report growing profits as Canadian premiums soar” Toronto Star (Aug. 16, 2024).

“Shoppers Drug Mart faces class-action suit by pharmacist over ‘unsafe and unethical’ corporate practices” Toronto Star (April 17, 2024).

“Couple fear they could be saddled with Air Canada’s legal bill for court challenge over \$2,000 compensation” Globe and Mail (Jan. 26, 2024).

“30 Times U-Haul Delivered Comedy Gold” automobile insurance and rental vehicles article BoredPanda.com (160 million viewers) (Sept. 18, 2023).

“Man declared dead is likely still alive, Quebec court affirms” Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, CTV News, CBC News, Hamilton Spectator (Sept. 12, 2023).

“How natural disasters in Canada and around the world are driving up your insurance costs” Toronto Star (September 6, 2023).

“Family of Regis Korchinski Paquet sues officers, watchdog 2 years after her death” Canadian Press, Toronto Star, MSN, Global News (June 30, 2022)

“Ex-Nurse Convicted in Fatal Medication Error Gets Probation” New York Times (May 15, 2022)

“Only Carriers Transporting Passengers Covered Under Federal Marine Liability Cap, B.C. Court Rules” Lawyers Daily (April 27, 2022)

“Fears of Losing Insurance Prompt Some Truckers to Leave Weeks-Long Protest” Newsweek (Feb. 18, 2022)

“Revoking Truckers’ Insurance Not a Solution to End Protest, Expert Says” CBC News, Yahoo! Canada News (Feb. 11, 2022)

“Using Civil Litigation to Curb a Disturbance” (Op Ed) Queen’s Law News (Feb. 11, 2022).

“What Impact Would Cancelling Truckers’ Insurance Have on the Convoy Protest?” Insurance Business Canada (Feb. 14, 2022)

“B.C. man addicted to painkillers sues his doctor in a lawsuit that asks: who’s responsible for patients’ opioid addictions?” (Toronto Star, Jan. 19, 2022)

“Plaintiff’s Legal Education did not restart limitation period in insurance case: appeal court” Lawyers Daily (November 5, 2021).

“Insurer has ‘no duty to defend’ claims for breach of contract against insured, court rules” Lawyers Daily (Sept. 22, 2021).

“‘Frightening’: Broken needle left in woman’s body among harrowing tales of medical errors in Canada” CTV National News Print (May 1, 2021).

“Insult to Injury” CTV National News Television (May 1, 2021).

“Report urges insurance companies to start thinking about climate change now” The Lawyer’s Daily (April 8, 2021).

“‘An epidemic of leaky pipes’: Why these Thunder Bay residents may fight city hall” TV Ontario online (November 24, 2020).

“Conflict brewing over whether business interruption insurance can cover pandemic-related losses.” Lawyers Daily (November 4, 2020).

“Pandemic Interruption Insurance: COVID insurance litigation to force industry to adapt: lawyers” Canadian Lawyer (May 28, 2020).

“Flood of COVID-19-related Lawsuits Expected to Hit Courts” CBC News (May 8, 2020).

“Smart Gun Argument Makes Danforth Shooting Class Action Hard to Win: Expert” National Post, CTV News (December 17, 2019).

“‘Not a Public Playground:’ Toronto Church’s Sign Offends Neighbours But Priest Says It’s the Only Way to Fend Off Sex, Drugs and Fencing Duels” Toronto Star (Sept. 19, 2019).

“Yonge St. Van Attack Lawsuits Face Hurdles with Insurance Claims” Toronto Star (December 3, 2018).

“Lawyers Representing Ontario Actress Suing Weinstein Say They Can’t Find Him” Canadian Press, CTV, Global News, Toronto Sun (November 6, 2017).

“‘It’s a Joke!’ Air Transat Passengers Stranded on Ottawa Tarmac to Get \$400 Cheques” Ottawa Citizen (August 11, 2017).

“Flood Insurance: What You Need to Know” CBC Ontario Morning (May 9, 2017).

“Provincial Legislation Brings Down Auto Insurance Costs for Consumers” CBC News Radio (April 11, 2017).

“Trial Judge’s Discretion in Montreal Malpractice Case Upheld” Lawyers Weekly (December 9, 2016).

“City Faces 35 Lawsuits Seeking \$27 million in Damages Two Years After Bus-Train Crash” Ottawa Citizen (September 18, 2015).

“Six reasons Why It’s Hard to Sue Doctors and Why So Little Compensation” Toronto Star (September 15, 2015).

“Informed Consent Case Goes Ahead On Appeal” Lawyers Weekly (September 4, 2015).

“Doubt is Still Clouding the Matter Of Whether Embattled Lawyer Javad Heydary is Alive or Dead” Toronto Star (January 24, 2014).

“Gamblers’ Class Action Against OLG Denied Again” Lawyers Weekly (August 30, 2013).

“Websites Used to Solve Civil Disputes” (Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Winnipeg Free Press, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette) (September 27, 2012).

“Mentally Ill Man, Crown Battle for Slain Woman’s Insurance Payout, CBC.ca, MSN.ca, Huffington Canada (August 16, 2012).

“Summary Judgment Benefits Questioned” Lawyers Weekly (July 6, 2012).

“Ontario Seeks Insurance Money: Civil Remedies Act Used in Claim for Murdered Woman’s Policy Payout” Lawyers Weekly (May 11, 2012).

“Ontario Aims to Keep Victim’s Payout from Her Killer” National Post, Montreal Gazette, other postmedia news outlets (April 27, 2012).

“Tobacco Companies Stand Alone After Court Battle” CBC Radio International and CBC Radio “The Link” (August 3, 2011).

“Decision Pits Provinces Against Big Tobacco” Toronto Sun, Vancouver Sun, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal and 25 other newspapers cross-country (July 30, 2011).

“Insurance Rule Stings Victims of Domestic Violence” Hamilton Spectator (Feb. 10, 2011).

“Gillette Razor Class Action Settlement” CBC Radio East (Nov. 16, 2010).

“Ontario Changes Automobile Insurance” CBC Northeastern Ontario Morning (September 1, 2010).

“Ontario’s New Automobile Insurance Changes” CBC Morning with Rita Celli (August 31, 2010).

“New Auto Reforms” Lindsay Post (August 31, 2010).

“One More Hit on the Middle Class” Toronto Sun (August 30, 2010).

“Real ‘Choice’ to Pay More for Insurance” Ottawa Sun (August 27, 2010).

“Car Insurance?: Your Real ‘Choice’ Is To Pay More” Toronto Sun and 18 Sun Media newspapers (August 26, 2010).

“Ontario’s New Auto Insurance” Jim Richards Newsgram Radio Show - NewstalkToronto 1010 (August 22, 2010).

“Reforming Ontario’s Automobile Insurance” John Oakley Radio Show, AM640 Toronto (August 22, 2010).

“New Changes to Ontario’s Automobile Insurance” CBC Ontario Morning, CBC Radio One (cross-province) (August 22, 2010).

“Ontario Changes Automobile Insurance” CBC Northwestern Ontario Morning (August 22, 2010).

“Ontario Car Insurance Reforms Too Complex: Prof” (Canadian Press Story run in CBC News online, CTV Online, Google.ca, Yahoo.ca, and most print newspapers in the country) (August 22, 2010).

“New Reforms to Ontario’s Automobile Insurance” Toronto Star (August 19, 2010).

“Optimism Bias in Tort Law” Lawyers Weekly (April 30, 2010).

“Saying Sorry Now A Little Easier: Apology Act Makes Contrition Safer But Who IS It Really Helping?” Hamilton Spectator (April 29, 2009).

“Class Actions Rising,” National Post (April 27, 2009)

“Saying Sorry is a Way Back to Grace: Ontario’s Apology Act Makes Contrition Easier,” Toronto Star (April 27, 2009).

“Merck/Vioxx Class Action De-certification in Saskatchewan,” Associated Press story run in various media (The Record, Yahoo, Canoe, CNet) (March 31, 2009).

“Ontario’s New Apology Act,” CKCU 93.1 FM - Ottawa radio (March 18, 2009).

“Municipal liability for roadways,” Kingston Whig-Standard (February 25, 2009).

“Legal concerns about class actions for listeria in poisoned meat,” CBC Radio News Northwestern Ontario (Thunder Bay), CBC Radio News Northeastern Ontario (Sudbury) (September 2, 2008).

“Class actions from tainted meat across Canada,” CBC Radio - Ontario Morning (August 28, 2008).

Invited guest blogger, Lawprawns blog (leading U.S. law professors online blog) (February and March, 2008).

“Moore lawsuit likely to settle out of court; Moore v. Bertuzzi; 90% of civil cases never go to trial, legal experts say,” National Post (Saturday, December 22, 2007).

“Bertuzzi, Canucks case unlikely to see courtroom,” Vancouver Sun (Friday December 21, 2007).

“The Reynolds Appeal: Witness Immunity from Civil Suits,” CBC Radio Morning, CBC Radio News -Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Whitehorse, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Sudbury, Ottawa, Quebec City, St. John’s (March 15, 2007).

“Witness Immunity from Civil Suits,” CBC Radio-Ottawa (January 25, 2007).

“Advocates for the Wrongfully Convicted Join Fight to Sue Pathologist,” CBC News online (January 24, 2007).

Languages

- French (basic fluency – oral and written)

Current as to December, 2025