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PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Litigation • Health

BIOGRAPHY

Called to the bar in 2009 in Newfoundland and Alberta, Laura is a civil litigator who has extensive experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in matter dealing with negligence, motor vehicle liability and personal injury. Laura has worked as plaintiff's counsel and as defense counsel, both as in-house counsel and in private practice. Her combination of skills gives Laura the unique ability to analyze a problem from all sides and all sides and allows her to provide Cox & Palmer's clients with sound advice to facilitate their desired resolution.

Laura has volunteered for numerous boards over the years and is currently sitting as a board member with the Resource Centre for the Arts at LSPU Hall, with the St. Patrick's Mery Home Foundation and with Cygnus Gymnastics.

EXPERIENCE

Civil

- Acted as Class Counsel at a Commission of Inquiry
- Conducted Examinations for Discovery for personal injury matters as both plaintiff counsel and defense counsel
- Conducted Examinations for Discovery for plaintiffs in employment matters
- Successfully argued applications at multiple levels of Court
- Drafted and Filed Statements of Claim, Statements of Defence, Orders and Affidavits at several levels of Court
- Mediated Small Claims disputes dealing with property and contract issues

Criminal

- As Defence Counsel ran trial for impaired driving charges
- Made successful applications and sentencing arguments
- Successfully contested crown applications
- Entered pleas for clients
- Attended Pre-Trial Conferences
- Drafted Charter Notices, written arguments and supporting affidavits for client defense

Research and Policy Development

- Created comparative reviews to facilitate development of municipal by-laws and regulations

- Aided in the drafting of municipal by-laws for garbage collection and recycling programs
- Drafted and presented a hospital policy regarding workers' rights

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- 2022 Law Firm of the Year for Insurance Law by The Best Lawyers™ in Canada.
- Recipient of the John Molson Scholarship, earning the high marks necessary to maintain the scholarship for all four years (2000 – 2004)
- Recipient of the MUN Entrance Scholarship (2000)

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

BAR ADMISSION

- Newfoundland and Labrador (2009)
- Alberta (2009)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of New Brunswick

EDUCATION

- University of New Brunswick (Juris Doctor, 2008)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland (Criminology Certificate from the Division of Lifelong Learning, 2005)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland (Diploma in Applied Ethics from the Department of Philosophy, 2004)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland (Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Psychology and a minor in English, 2004)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland (Completion of the English Cultural Landscape Program through the Departments of History and Geography)

PUBLICATIONS

- Case Law Update: Recent Key Decisions in the Atlantic Provinces
- Deducting Collateral Benefits From Loss of Income Claims

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

Laura has been a member of the *Canadian Bar Association*, *Calgary Bar Association*, *Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association* and the *Criminal Defense Lawyers Association* in Alberta.

- Member, CLE Atlantic Subcommittee, Canadian Defense Lawyers (2021 –)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Current Board Member, Resource Centre for the Arts (RCA) at LSPU Hall
- Current Board Member, Cygnus Gymnastics
- Current Board Member, St. Patrick's Mercy Home