

JACQUELINE M. PALEF

Defence Class Actions

ASSOCIATE

"Class actions are a vehicle for righting wrongs in all areas of law. There is no mechanism better suited to provide access to justice, judicial economy, and behaviour modification than a class action. These are the three goals of class proceedings in Canada. I prosecute and defend class actions with these three goals in mind."

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Associate Lawyer, Lerner LLP (2018 - present)
- ◆ Student – at – Law, Hull & Hull LLP (2017 – 2018)
- ◆ Editorial Board Executive Member, Solicitations Editor, Windsor Review of Social and Legal Issues, University of Windsor (2016 – 2017)
- ◆ Research Assistant in Comparative International Law, University of Windsor (2016 - 2017)
- ◆ Teaching Assistant in Legal Research and Writing, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2015 - 2016)
- ◆ Legal Intern, Veterans Law Clinic, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2015)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- ◆ Jacqueline Palef is an Associate Lawyer at Lerner LLP in Toronto. She is a member of the Class Actions and Appellate Advocacy Practice Groups with a focus on both plaintiff and defence side class actions and appeals
- ◆ Jacqueline is admitted to practice law in Ontario, New York, and the District of Columbia. She holds law degrees from both American and Canadian universities. Trained in both legal systems, Jacqueline brings a unique perspective to her files. She stays abreast of the developments in the law on both sides of the border to best serve the needs of her clients.
- ◆ Her practice is not exclusive to Ontario, Jacqueline has worked on national class actions and advised clients internationally. She is well versed in the intricacies involved in each province's legal system from certification, appeals, to settlement. Jacqueline has worked on a wide array of complex class actions including issues involving

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commercial law, constitutional law, administrative law, municipal law, tort law, product liability law and appellate advocacy.

- ◆ Her litigation experience includes cases before the Supreme Court of Canada, Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- ◆ Plaintiff side class actions
- ◆ Defence side class actions
- ◆ Appeals

NOTEWORTHY CASES

- ◆ Bingo Class Actions – Plaintiff counsel on class proceeding concerning licence fees levied by two municipalities
- ◆ General Motors Class Actions – Defence counsel on national class proceedings concerning antifreeze

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ Co-Author, *What Obligation does an Insurance Company Have to Review Beneficiary Designations with the Policy Holders?*, Toronto Law Journal (June 2018)
- ◆ Co-Author, *The Discoverability of Social Media Evidence in the Context of Family Law & Estate Litigation*, Toronto Law Journal (April 2018)
- ◆ Author and Presenter, *@dvertising in the Digital Age: A #CDN #US Comparative Study of Lawyer Advertising Rules*, Windsor L Rev of Legal Soc Issues Conference (14-16 March 2017)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ University of Detroit Mercy Book Award, Special Topics in Professional Responsibility and Technology (2017)
- ◆ Dean's List, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2015 - 2017)
- ◆ ZSA and National Post Award in Honour of Lorraine Shalhoub (2015)
- ◆ University of Detroit Mercy Book Award, Comparative Legal Writing and Research (2014)
- ◆ Dean's Honour List, Queens University (2013 – 2014)

MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ American Bar Association
- ◆ Canadian Bar Association
- ◆ District of Columbia Bar Association
- ◆ Law Society of Ontario
- ◆ New York State Bar Association
- ◆ Ontario Bar Association

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- ◆ The Advocates' Society
- ◆ Toronto Lawyers Association
- ◆ University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Frank Murphy Honour Society
- ◆ Women's Law Association of Ontario
- ◆ Young Women in Law

EDUCATION

- ◆ Admitted to the New York Bar (2018)
- ◆ Admitted to the Ontario Bar (2018)
- ◆ Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar (2017)
- ◆ Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2017)
- ◆ Juris Doctor, University of Windsor (2017)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Queen's University (2014)
- ◆ Intensive Studies Course in the Philosophy of International Law, Queen's International Study Centre, Herstmonceux, United Kingdom (2012)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Jacqueline is passionate about her community, she is a mentor for Windsor Law's chapter of Women and the Law and a volunteer with CLEW, Cambodian Legal Education for Women, a non-profit committed to sending young women in Cambodia to law school.
- ◆ Outside of the office, you will find Jacqueline on long walks with her miniature poodle named Winnie, in search of their next adventure. She enjoys reading, film, and musicals.