

# YOLA S. VENTRESCA

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*"Class actions require insightful research and innovative interpretation of the key underlying issues. You have to know going in what is helpful, what is harmful and how you will address what ever surfaces. It's the foundation for success."*

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### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Partner, Lerners LLP (2013 to present)
- ◆ Supervising Lawyer and Mentor, Workplace Learning Program, Kings University College (2016-2017)
- ◆ Adjunct Professor (Civil Procedure), Faculty of Law, Western University (2013-present)
- ◆ Associate Lawyer, Lerners LLP (2007-2012)
- ◆ Teaching Assistant, Employment Law, University of Toronto (2006-2007)
- ◆ Articling Student, Lerners LLP (2005-2006)
- ◆ Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario (2003-2005)

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Selected by peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in Canada in the area of health care law (2020-2021)
- ◆ Selected by peers for inclusion in Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory in the area of professional liability (2019)
- ◆ Recipient, 2017 Lexpert Rising Star Award honouring Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40
- ◆ Recipient, 20 Under 40 Award, Business London Magazine (2016)
- ◆ Canada Graduate Scholarship (Master's Award), The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2006-2007)
- ◆ Canadian Institutes of Health Research Training Program Fellowship in Health Law and Policy, Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the University of Toronto (2006-2007)
- ◆ J.S.D. Tory Fellowship for Excellence in Legal Writing and Legal Research, Torys LLP and The University of Western Ontario (2004)

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- ◆ Graduating Student's Award, Huron University College (2002)
- ◆ History Alumni Award, Huron University College (2002)
- ◆ Dean's Honour List, The University of Western Ontario (2000-2002)
- ◆ Catharine Ridley National Scholarship, Huron University College and The University of Western Ontario (1998)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Co-chair, London Courthouse Series: The Effective Witness, The Advocates' Society, March 2019
- ◆ Lead, Lerner's Women's Symposium
- ◆ Co-Chair, The Advocates' Society Courthouse Series, March 2018
- ◆ "Punctuating Social Trends: Re-examining Reibl v. Hughes and the Emergence of the Law of Informed Consent in Canadian Law" (2017), 47 Adv. Q. 51
- ◆ "The misapplication of misnomer in Ontario" The Advocates' Journal, Spring 2017 (with Peter Kryworuk)
- ◆ Co-Chair, London Courthouse Series, 2017
- ◆ "Waiver of Tort on Trial: *Andersen v. St. Jude Medical*", prepared for the Law Society of Upper Canada's Civil Litigation Summit (May 2012) (with P. Kryworuk)
- ◆ "Striking the Right Balance? Limitations Law in Ontario" (2012) 39 (3) Adv. Q. 322 (with K. Ross)
- ◆ "Adolescent Access to Health Services - Legal Perspectives" Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto (March 2008)
- ◆ "Revisiting Wrongful Life Claims in Canada - Can There Be A Cause of Action? *Bovingdon v. Hergott*" (2008) 34(2) Adv. Q. 216 (with P. Kryworuk)
- ◆ "Religious Dress in Schools: Balancing Religious Accommodation, Family Autonomy, Free Choice and Equality. A Case Comment on R (on the application of *Begum*) v. Headteacher and Governors of Denbigh High School" (2007) 17 E.L.J. 245
- ◆ "With Patient Rights Come Patient Responsibilities: Contributory Negligence in Medical Negligence Actions" (2007) 33 Adv. Q. 201 (with P. Kryworuk and S. Chambers)
- ◆ "Patient Responsibility for Detrimental Health Outcomes: Comparative Legal Perspectives from Canada, the United States and Great Britain" Canadian Institutes of Health Research Annual Symposium, Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 2007)

## MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Chair, 10+ Committee, The Advocates' Society (2020-2021)
- ◆ Executive Member, 10+ Committee, The Advocates' Society
- ◆ Invited Mentor, The Advocates' Society Mentoring Dinner Series
- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, McCormick Care Group (formerly Women's Christian Association)
- ◆ Chair, Handbags for Hospice, in support of St. Joseph's Hospice (2015-2016)
- ◆ Co-Chair, The Advocates' Society Mentoring Dinner (London) (2011-present)
- ◆ Member, Young Advocates' Standing Committee of The Advocates' Society (2010-present)
- ◆ Supervising Mentor, Pro Bono Students Canada (2010-Present)

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- ◆ Board of Directors, Huron University College Alumni Association
- ◆ Law Society of Upper Canada
- ◆ Canadian Bar Association
- ◆ The Advocates' Society

## EDUCATION

- ◆ Master of Laws, Specialization in Health Law and Policy, University of Toronto (2007)
- ◆ Admitted to the Ontario Bar (2006)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws, The University of Western Ontario (2005)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and History) (Hons.), Huron University College, The University of Western Ontario (2002)

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- ◆ Musical theatre, travel, history and reading