

# YOLA S. VENTRESCA

## Health Law

PARTNER

*"I enjoy the challenge of practicing Health Law. It mandates creative approaches which incorporate a blend of both law and medicine."*

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### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Partner, Lernalers 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, Lernalers LLP (2007-2012)
- ◆ Teaching Assistant, Employment Law, University of Toronto (2006-2007)
- ◆ Articling Student, Lernalers LLP (2005-2006)
- ◆ Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario (2003-2005)

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- ◆ Regulated Health Complaints: has represented pharmacists, dentists, physicians, and registered massage therapists
- ◆ Licensing Issues
- ◆ Regulated Health Investigations
- ◆ Disciplinary Matters
- ◆ Medical Negligence Actions

### 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)

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- ◆ 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, Torsys LLP and The University of Western Ontario (2004)
- ◆ 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, Peter Kryworuk and Yola Ventresca, May 2012 ([Read online](#))
- ◆ 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, Peter W. Kryworuk and Yola Hamzo Ventresca, 34 Adv. Q, p 216, 2008 ([Read online](#))
- ◆ With Patient Rights Come Patient Responsibilities: Contributory Negligence in Medical Negligence Actions Peter Kryworuk, Yola S. Hamzo Ventresca and Scott D. Chambers, 33 Adv. Q, p 201 (2007) ([Read online](#))
- ◆ 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)

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- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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 INFORMATION

- ◆ Musical theatre, travel, history and reading