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"Information is the most important asset of any business. I serve clients by helping to protect that asset."

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REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Alysia Christiaen is a partner and the Chief Privacy Officer at Lerners LLP, with more than 10 years of experience in advising clients on the issues most critical to them. Her practice focuses on advising businesses and other organizations across Ontario on privacy issues, including preparing privacy policies, developing training programs, conducting privacy impact assessments, and managing privacy breaches. She has extensive advocacy and appellate experience, including tribunals, the Superior Court of Justice, and the Divisional Court.

Alysia is certified by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a Certified Information Privacy Professional/Canada.

In addition to being a trusted business advisor, Alysia also practices in the area of class actions and personal injury.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

- ◆ Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (2020-present)
- ◆ Co-Chair, London Health Sciences Foundation, Tastings Committee (2020-present)
- ◆ Member, London Health Sciences Foundation, Tastings Committee (2019)
- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (2013-2020)
- ◆ Member, St. Joseph's Hospice, Handbags for Hospice Committee (2016-2018, 2020)
- ◆ President, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of London & Region (2015-2019)
- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of London and Region (2012-2015)
- ◆ Chair, Cut-a-thon, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (2009-2019)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

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- ◆ Recognized as a Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40 (2019)
- ◆ Awarded with Top 20 Under 40 Award, London Inc. Magazine (2018)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Speaker, London Chamber of Commerce Emerging Stronger Series: You Need More Than PPE To Protect Your Business – Privacy Considerations for Business, October 2020
- ◆ Author, Whose phone is it, anyway? Privacy rights when employees use corporate devices, The Lawyer's Daily, June 19, 2020
- ◆ Speaker, Privacy Law, Ivey School of Business, Western University, January 2020
- ◆ Co-Chair, Middlesex Law Association, Personal Injury Update, 2019-present
- ◆ Panelist, The Advocates' Society, Courthouse Series: The Effective Witness, March 2019
- ◆ Co-Chair, Middlesex Law Association, Personal Injury Conference, November 2018
- ◆ Co-Author, Waivers of Liability in Ontario: A Legal Primer, The Advocates' Society, Advocacy Matters, May 2019
- ◆ Panelist, Western University, Faculty of Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution Module, Overview of Mediation, 2016-2018
- ◆ Lecturer, Western University, Faculty of Law, Civil Procedure Course, 2016-2017
- ◆ Co-Author, Preparing for Mediation: Where the Real Advocacy Begins, presented at The Osgoode Certificate in Personal Injury Law & Practice, April 18, 2013
- ◆ Co-Chair, The Advocates' Society Fall Forum, Practical Advocacy: Critical Practice Management Tips, Trends, Templates, and Solutions, October 2012
- ◆ Presenter, Norfolk Accident Benefits Seminar, 2012-2015
- ◆ Co-Author, Rehab First Inc. seminar on Catastrophic Impairment: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions, February, 2012
- ◆ Chair, Middlesex Law Association, Mentoring Dinner, 2010-2016
- ◆ "Attempting to reconcile Kitchenham and Tanner: Practical considerations in obtaining productions protected by deemed and implied undertakings", with Kevin L. Ross, The Advocates' E-Brief, Volume 21, No. 3, Summer 2010

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Chief Privacy Officer (2020)
- ◆ Partner, Lerner LLP (2016)
- ◆ Associate Lawyer, Lerner LLP (2009-2015)
- ◆ Articling Student, Lerner LLP (2008-2009)
- ◆ Summer Student, Lerner LLP (2007)
- ◆ Accreditation Coordinator, Western University Campus Community Police Service (2006-2008)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ International Association of Privacy Professionals

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- ◆ The Advocates' Society
- ◆ Ontario Bar Association
- ◆ Canadian Bar Association
- ◆ Middlesex Law Association

EDUCATION

- ◆ Osgoode Law, Certificate in Privacy Law and Information Management in Healthcare (2020)
- ◆ Rotman's School of Business, University of Toronto, Business Leadership for Women Lawyers (2018)
- ◆ Osgoode Law, Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (2010)
- ◆ Admitted to Ontario Bar (2009)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Ontario (2008)
- ◆ Honours Bachelor of Science (Major in Psychology and International Relations, Minor in Economics), University of Toronto, Trinity College (2004)

FUN FACTS

- ◆ Enjoys softball, fashion and NASCAR auto racing

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