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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

- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (2022-present)
- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, London Health Sciences Foundation (2021-present)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ President, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of London & Region (2015-2019)
- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of London & Region (2012-2015)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

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- ◆ Selected by peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in Canada (2022)
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Guest Speaker, Privacy Law, Ivey School of Business MBA Program, Western University, 2020-present
- ◆ Sharing Client Information with Meta – Do You Need Express Consent?, *Canadian Privacy Law Review*, Vol. 20, No. 5 (2023).
- ◆ Speaker, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Privacy, Disclosure & Litigation, September 2022, February 2023
- ◆ Guest Speaker, Privacy Law and Information Management in Healthcare Certificate, Osgoode Professional Development, January 2023
- ◆ Panelist, Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, Managing the Great Resignation, June 2022
- ◆ Speaker, Ontario Association of Social Workers, PHIPA Primer, February 2022
- ◆ Speaker, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Practical Tips for Clinical Records, January 2022
- ◆ Speaker, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Privacy, Disclosure and Litigation, November 2021.
- ◆ Speaker, London Economic Development Corporation, Privacy Considerations for Businesses, October 2021.
- ◆ Speaker, Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, Business Success Series, April 2021
- ◆ 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

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

EDUCATION

- ◆ London School of Economics and Political Science, MBA Essentials Course
- ◆ 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

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- ♦ Enjoys softball, fashion and NASCAR auto racing

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