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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Managing Partner, Lerners LLP Toronto office (2020 to present)
- ◆ Partner, Lerners LLP (2003 to present)
- ◆ Associate lawyer, Lerners LLP (2001-2002)
- ◆ Partner, Litigation Group, Borden & Elliot (now Borden Ladner Gervais) (1990-2000)
- ◆ Associate lawyer, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae in Boston (1987-1988)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- ◆ Anne is a francophone and bilingual advocate with more than two decades of experience in regulatory and health law. She has been involved in countless discipline and fitness to practise matters for physicians before the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and for other health professionals before their respective regulators. She has appeared as counsel before the Court of Appeal, at numerous Coroner's Inquests and before the Human Rights Tribunal. Anne is a former legal member and Alternate Chair of the Ontario Review Board. She has taught Trial Advocacy at the University of Toronto and regularly teaches advocacy skills for The Advocates' Society.

NOTEWORTHY CASES

- ◆ Tahir v. Mitoff, 2019 ONSC 7298
- ◆ Lewin-Gillies v. York Central Hospital, 2018 ONSC 883
- ◆ Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons) v. RST, 2016 ONCPSD 35
- ◆ Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons) v. Ng, 2016 ONCPSD 12
- ◆ Aherne v. Chang, 2011, 106 O.R. (3d) 297

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Recognized in Chambers Canada in the area of Healthcare - Contentious (2021-2022)
- ◆ Lawyer of the Year Professional Malpractice Law Toronto, Best Lawyers in Canada (2021, 2024)
- ◆ Benchmark Canada, Litigation Star (2015-2020) - Recognized in the following areas: Health and Insurance (2015-2020); Dispute Resolution (2020)
- ◆ Recognized in Chambers Canada in the area of Healthcare law (2020)
- ◆ Ranked in Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: Medical Negligence (represents defendants) (2014-2022)
- ◆ Selected by her peers to be included in Best Lawyers in Canada for Administrative and Public Law, Health Care Law, Insurance Law, Medical Negligence, Professional Malpractice Law
- ◆ Ontario Review Board, Legal Member and Alternate Chair
- ◆ University of Toronto Instructor Trial Advocacy
- ◆ Skills Instructor for The Advocates' Society

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

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- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Spring Symposium, Demonstration and Discussion on Expert Testimony, 2019
- ◆ "Demonstration & Discussion: What Category of Expert is Your Opponent Calling and Why Does it Matter?", The Advocates' Society 18th Annual Spring Symposium Program, April 24, 2019
- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Exercising Professionalism and Civility, Co-Chair December 2018
- ◆ The Law Society of Ontario: Best Practices in Medical Negligence Cases, Speaker, 2018
- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Exercising Professionalism and Civility, Co-Chair December 2017
- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Administrative Tribunal Advocacy, Co-Chair and Speaker 2017
- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Objection Your Honour, June 2016
- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Trial from A to Z, February 2016
- ◆ Ontario Hospital Association: Medico-legal aspects of Psychiatric Emergencies, 2016
- ◆ The Advocates' Society: Women in Litigation Symposium, Co-chair 2015
- ◆ The Advocates' Society Courthouse Series: Marshalling the Evidence, February 27, 2014
- ◆ Law and Mental Disorder: A Comprehensive and Practical Approach, Irwin Law 2013, Contributor
- ◆ The Advocates' Society, "Opening Statements", demonstration and panel discussion, December 10, 2013
- ◆ Osgoode Professional Programme, "Current and Emerging Issues on Medical Practice", part of the Personal Injury Update, September 27, 2013
- ◆ Osgoode Hall Law School Master's Programme, Trial Advocacy, February 23, 2013
- ◆ The Advocates' Society, "Cross-Examination Strategies", January 30, 2103
- ◆ Osgoode Professional Programme, "Medical Malpractice", January 22, 2013
- ◆ Current and Emerging Issues in Medical Malpractice, Osgoode Hall Professional Development Fifth Annual Update on Personal Injury Law, 2009
- ◆ Medical Directors and the Law, Annual Conference of Geriatric Medicine, 2009
- ◆ Legal Risk Management for Nurses, 2007
- ◆ Canadian Institute Obstetrical Malpractice 2004 and 2007
- ◆ Hospital Employment Law for the 21st Century, presented by the Ontario Hospital Association, April 1999
- ◆ Hospital Liability-Hot Topics, presented by the Ontario Hospital Association, May 1999

MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, The Advocates' Society
- ◆ Canadian Bar Association
- ◆ Past Member, Board of Directors , Wychwood Park Ratepayers Association

EDUCATION

- ◆ B.Sc.(Nursing) Université Laval, (1983)
- ◆ Called to the Massachusetts Bar (1987)
- ◆ LL.B. and B.C.L. McGill University Faculty of Law (1987)
- ◆ Admitted to Ontario Bar (1990)
- ◆ LL.M. conferred, The University of Toronto (2000)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Anne is bilingual (fluent in French)

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