

YOLA S. VENTRESCA

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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)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- ◆ Yola has a specific expertise in assisting in regulated health professionals. Her clients are comprised of physicians, dentists, pharmacists and registered massage therapists. Yola holds a graduate degree in Health Law (LL.M.) from the University of Toronto.
- ◆ Yola routinely assists these regulated health professionals with matters involving their licensing bodies (for example, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario), the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, to name a few. She also routinely defends regulated health professionals in medical negligence actions.
- ◆ Yola has a significant breadth of expertise. She has assisted regulated health professionals with diverse matters, including: patient complaints regarding standard of care, billings issues, prescribing concerns, licensing issues and Quality Assurance Reviews. In addition, Yola has represented clients in matters before the Discipline Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

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

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- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Stretching the Limits of Statutory Interpretation: The implications of College of Nurses of Ontario v Mark Dumchin on the jurisdiction of regulated health colleges over former members, Ontario Bar Association, June 24, 2016 (with Sarah Martens and Natalie Carrothers)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ With Patient Rights Come Patient Responsibilities: Contributory Negligence in Medical Negligence Action, Peter Kryworuk, Yola S. Hamzo Ventresca and Scott D. Chambers, 33 Adv Q, p 207, 2007
- ◆ 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)

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- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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, reading and spending time with her young daughter and husband