

SONIA S. FABIANI

Specialty Risk and Insurance

PARTNER

"My practice is restricted to specialty risk and insurance with a focus on tort, statutory accident benefits, priority and loss transfer disputes. In handling any file, my focus is on client communication and reporting in a timely manner."

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Practice Group Leader, Insurance Defence Group, London (2019 - 2020)
- ◆ Deputy Practice Group Leader, Insurance Defence Group, London (2017 - 2019)
- ◆ Partner, Lerners LLP (2012 to present)
- ◆ Associate lawyer, Lerners LLP (2005-2012)
- ◆ Articling student, Lerners LLP (2004-2005)
- ◆ Summer student, Lerners LLP (2003)
- ◆ Legal Intern, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (2002)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- ◆ Motor vehicle claims
- ◆ Property damage claims
- ◆ Statutory accident benefits
- ◆ Policy interpretation

NOTEWORTHY CASES

- ◆ *Isaac v Matuszynska*, 2018 ONCA 177, 2018 CanLII 105395 (SCC)
- ◆ *State Farm (Dorre) v. TD and MVACF* (Arbitrator Bialkowski, February 27, 2017)
- ◆ *Toprak and Economical Mutual Insurance Company*, FSCO A12-001626, August 2, 2016 and Decisions on Expenses dated January 9, 2017
- ◆ WSIB Appeals Resolution Officer Decision, Estate of Richard Griffin, June 22, 2016
- ◆ *Isaac v. Matuszynska*, 2016 ONSC 3617
- ◆ *Tran v. Beck*, 2014, Ontario Superior Court of Justice - Second Chair, London Jury Trial arising out of a motor vehicle accident wherein the Defendants alleged the Plaintiff was not in the vehicle at the time of the collision. Action dismissed.
- ◆ *Schneider v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company*, 2010 ONSC 4734
- ◆ *Taylor v. TD Home and Auto Insurance Company et al*, 2009 ONCA 580

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ "Navigating the Legal System After a Motor Vehicle Collision", with S. Schenke, D. Lambe, and D. Gauvreau, *Psychological Injury and Law*, published by Springer Nature, July 2018

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- ◆ Speaker, The Licence Appeal Tribunal, A Year in Review and Future Handling, Canadian Defence Lawyers Conference, September 25, 2017
- ◆ Speaker, Casualty Update - The Year in Review, OIAA Provincial Conference, May, 2017
- ◆ Chair, The LAT is Coming!, Canadian Defence Lawyers Audioconference, February 29, 2016
- ◆ Speaker, Canadian Defence Lawyers, Audioconference, March 26, 2014, *Schmitz v. Lombard*, 2014 ONCA 88
- ◆ Changes to the SABS effective February 2014, London Claims Association Tradeshow & Provincial Seminars, March 20, 2014
- ◆ Co-Chair of the Canadian Defence Lawyers Bootcamp Conference, September 4, 2013, Toronto
- ◆ Speaker, Canadian Defence Lawyers Annual Accident Benefits Joint Defence and Plaintiff Programme, April 25, 2013
- ◆ K. Ross and S. Fabiani, "Punitive Damages Awarded Against Impaired Driver", *Federated Press*, Volume X, No. 2, 2007

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Selected by her peers for inclusion in Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for Litigation - Commercial Insurance (2021-2022)
- ◆ Gowlings Prize in Civil Trial Advocacy (2004)
- ◆ Arnup Cup (2004)
- ◆ Sopinka Cup (2004)
- ◆ Borden Ladner Gervais Employment/Labour Law Moot (2003)
- ◆ The University of Western Ontario Gold Medal for highest academic standing at the undergraduate level in Political Science/Women's Studies combined Honors Program (2001)

MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Canadian Bar Association
- ◆ Middlesex Law Association
- ◆ Past Member, Board of Directors, Meals on Wheels London

EDUCATION

- ◆ Admitted to Ontario Bar (2005)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws, University of Windsor (2004)
- ◆ Political Science and Women's Studies, Honors, The University of Western Ontario (2001)

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