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Bar Admission(s): Ontario, 2010; Nova Scotia,
2013

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Complex legal questions require comprehensive research and analysis. Focusing on strategy, Jennifer unearths the legal principles needed to make informed decisions. From reading old English case reports to using the latest online legal research technology, she will leave no stone unturned in an effort to support colleagues and meet clients' needs.

Jennifer prepares comprehensive legal opinions and submissions to support strong advocacy for our clients. Her work aims to advance clients' interests as effectively and efficiently as possible by turning complex legal problems into practical advice and concise arguments. Her areas of focus and interest include insurance defence, commercial litigation, constitutional law, Aboriginal law, education law, health law, professional regulation and administrative law, and class actions.

In addition to her legal research and writing, Jennifer keeps our clients up to date on the most recent developments in the law and points of interest by publishing a number of articles throughout the year, including pieces for the Firm's Thought Leadership publications. A past recipient of the CBA Nova Scotia Zöe Odei Young Lawyers Award, Jennifer is active both inside and outside of the legal community, volunteering her time to various social justice, equality and advocacy initiatives throughout the province.

Education & Career

Education

Osgoode Professional Development, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University – Certificate in Fundamentals of Aboriginal Law, 2015

University of Cambridge, Master of Law, 2011

Dalhousie University, Bachelor of Laws, 2008

Dalhousie University, Bachelor of Arts, Combined Honours in History and Political Science, 2005

Activities

Past Chair, CBA Women Lawyers Forum

Secretary, East Coast Prison Justice Society Board of Directors

Advisory Circle Member, The Fireweed Project

Accolades

Recipient, [CBA Nova Scotia Zöe Odei Young Lawyers Award](#), 2016

Thought Leadership

More limits: NSCA tightens the test for disallowing a limitations defence

November 15, 2023

When closed doors make sense: Court dismisses challenge to university board's procedure for *in camera* discussions

May 11, 2023

Discovery: Atlantic Education & the Law – Issue 12

April 28, 2023

Does academic freedom protect professors who spread COVID-19 misinformation on social media?

July 12, 2022

Discovery: Atlantic Education & the Law – Issue 10

June 24, 2022

Discovering a Denial: Recent Ontario decision sheds light on discoverability of claims against LTD insurers

June 03, 2022

Evaluating the risks of a CAUT censure

November 30, 2021

Discovery: Atlantic Education & the Law – Issue 09

November 22, 2021

Liability for online misconduct: do new torts mean increased risk for universities?

July 26, 2021

Nova Scotia Court of Appeal unwilling to affirm *Charter* right to testamentary freedom

May 21, 2021

The “dominant tide” comes in: cooperative federalism in the *Reference re Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*

April 05, 2021

Clarity on the limitation period for third party claims in Nova Scotia

March 15, 2021

Game over for waiver of tort

July 27, 2020

Richards Estate sets the limits on actions against LTD insurers

February 27, 2020

Express yourself ... but maybe not on your license plate: The NSSC decision in *Grabher*

February 06, 2020

The spies who saved judicial review: The top 10 takeaways from *Vavilov*

December 20, 2019

A *Charter* right to testamentary freedom? The NSSC decision in *Lawen Estate*

July 02, 2019

Not a “token gesture”: Nova Scotia Court of Appeal confirms deductibility of future CPP disability benefits from tort damages

January 18, 2019

Client Update – Protecting the innocent in property insurance: recent amendments to Nova Scotia’s Insurance Act limit “criminal or intentional act” exclusion clauses

May 29, 2018

Client Update: Limitation periods & denial of LTD benefits: the NSSC decision in *Cameron*

May 09, 2018

Statutory interpretation & social justice

November 14, 2017

Adoption & access to justice: Judge erred in making “self-directed constitutional reference” in adoption case

August 28, 2017

Knowing your limitations: a new NS case on limitation periods

August 17, 2017

Nothing fishy here: Federal Court dismisses application for judicial review in PIIFCAF case

May 18, 2017

A window on interpreting insurance contracts: Top 10 points from *Ledcor Construction*

September 23, 2016

Charter-ing a Different Course? Two decisions on TWU's proposed law school

August 11, 2016

Solicitor-client privilege vs the Canada Revenue Agency: the SCC speaks

June 10, 2016

Good Faith Fisheries: New case on Crown consultation & regulation of Aboriginal fisheries

March 22, 2016

The Labour Relations of First Nations' Fisheries: Who gets to decide?

February 02, 2016

Settling for it: Two new NS decisions on settlement agreements and releases

January 15, 2016

Striking down the Nova Scotia Cyber-safety Act: The 10 most interesting things about Crouch v Snell

December 16, 2015

Forsythe v Westfall: Forum of Necessity & Access to Justice

December 01, 2015

The Fair Elections Act and #elxn42: A summary of Council of Canadians v Canada (Attorney General)

October 15, 2015

In the Three Certainties We Trust: The status of Builders' Lien Act trust claims in bankruptcy

October 09, 2015

Back to (Limitations) School: Nova Scotia's new Limitation of Actions Act in force September 1st

September 01, 2015

Publications

Access to Choice: The Legal Framework for Abortion Access in Nova Scotia, with Julianne Stevenson and Mary Rolf, LEAF, May 2020

"Self-Managed Abortion in Canada: A Status Report" with Julianne Stevenson, LEAF, April 2022

"Abortion is constitutional right and, unfortunately, an election issue", Canadian Lawyer

September 23, 2019

"The power of law", The Lawyer's Daily

May 30, 2019

"Importance of political friendship", The Lawyer's Daily

March 08, 2019

"Scandal and matriarchy: How Jody Wilson-Raybould makes me want to be a better lawyer", Canadian Lawyer

March 04, 2019

"What we can learn from *On the Basis of Sex*", The Lawyer's Daily

January 29, 2019

Contributor, CBA National website

Contributor, CanLII Connects