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Language(s) spoken: English, [French](#), Italian, Spanish

Bar Admission(s): Ontario, 1998; Nova Scotia, 2003

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Working with clients such as retailers, manufacturers, entrepreneurs, service providers, financing companies, technology firms, and energy companies, Daniela helps her clients navigate the complicated worlds of intellectual property disputes, arbitration proceedings, corporate commercial disputes, and class action suits. She has:

- Acted in one of the most high-profile intellectual property cases brought in Atlantic Canada over trademarks and related copyrights.
- Acted for an international energy firm in a large-scale project to address environmental, regulatory, and stakeholder disputes.
- Acted in cross-border, multi-jurisdictional proceedings involving trade, marketing, and financing disputes.
- Acted for a European-based multinational company in a dispute over the manufacture and supply of large-scale equipment in Canada.
- Acted for a Nova Scotia company and its affiliates as part of an international, multi-firm legal team in connection with disputed assets and transactions of over \$1 billion.

Practice Areas

Aboriginal Rights

Class Actions

Environmental & Natural Resources

Information Technology

Intellectual Property

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Education & Career

Education

Harvard Law School, LLM, 2002

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB, 1996

University of Toronto, BA (high distinction), 1993

University of Siena (summer term), 1991

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Chair, Patent Acquisition Committee, Innovation Asset Collective

Chair, 2b theatre company

Chair, IP/IT Practice Group, Stewart McKelvey

Chapter Leader, Eastern Canada, ChIPS global network for women in IP & tech law and policy

Member, The Bretton Woods Committee, Digital Finance Project Team

Director, Innovation Asset Collective

Director, Canadian Commercial Corporation, 2014 – 2020

Director, Neptune Theatre, 2012 – 2016

Member, LegalBizDev Project Management Advisory Board, 2012

Member, Advisory Board for the International Arbitration Law Project of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, 2012

Panelist interviewing candidates for CEO of Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, 2011

Director, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners, 2009 – 2012

Member, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2008 – 2012

Chair, Intellectual Property Section of Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia, 2009 – 2011

Other

President, Harvard Club of Atlantic Canada

Chair, Harvard Law School Reunion & Gift Committee, Spring 2022

Associate Director, McGill University and Intellectual Property Institute of Canada – Annual Copyright Course

Class Agent, Harvard Law School

Participant, Royal Canadian Navy Canadian Leaders at Sea Program, 2018

Certified Legal Project Manager Program (LegalBizDev), 2011

Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Canada (Justices La Forest & Bastarache), 1997

Accolades

Best Lawyers 2022 Intellectual Property Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax

Appointed King’s Counsel – Nova Scotia, 2020

Best Lawyers: Class Action Litigation, 2021 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Intellectual Property Law, 2021 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Intellectual Property Law, 2010 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Litigation – Intellectual Property, 2019 – 2024

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Intellectual Property), 2014 – 2022

Lexpert 2013 Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada, Corporate Commercial Law

LAW SCHOOL:

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review National Prize

J.S.D. Tory Research and Writing Award

F.W. Minkler Scholarship Trust Fund (academics & activities)

Fraser Milner Prize (academics & activities)

Celanese Canada Internationalist Fellowship

UNDERGRADUATE:

University of Toronto Arbor Scholar

University of Toronto Alumni Association Scholar

University College Literary and Athletic Society Honour Award

Government of Italy Scholarship

Thought Leadership

ESG and dispute resolution: fighting for greener ways

July 05, 2023

The great IP debate in Canada

May 31, 2023

La Dolce Vita and design: Italian Court confirms copyright of concept store

January 06, 2021

Expert insights during COVID-19: an English viewpoint

May 20, 2020

Nothing “palpable” in Pentastar dispute: trademark case confirms rules for statutory appeals

April 13, 2020

COVID-19 and contractual review

March 24, 2020

Copyright Cases 2019: Back to Basics and Plenty More

March 23, 2020

2019 intellectual property year in review

January 06, 2020

The Crown of Copyright

October 25, 2019

Trademark changes

June 17, 2019

Publications

Innovative Ideas for a Post-Pandemic Pathway

March 22, 2021

Covid-19 and Legal Institutions: Courting Accessibility and Efficiency

April 23, 2020

"Copyright cases 2019: Back to basics and plenty more", Canadian Intellectual Property Review

March 11, 2020

Embracing E-Discovery: Process Makes Perfect, CBA Nova Scotia Nova Voice, Spring 2017

"The Road to E-Discovery: More Garden Path, Less Mountain Climb?", CBA Nova Scotia Mid-Winter Conference

January 28, 2016

Advancing Economic Development Goals via Litigation, CBA National Aboriginal Law Conference, June 2015

"Landscape of Official Marks in Canada: Some General Views", October 2014

"E-Discovery and Keywords: Not so Key After All" Face 2 Face, a Conference for Litigation Support, CBA

December 07, 2012

Presentations

Speaker, "What is Happening with Injunction Jurisprudence at the Competition Tribunal?" (CBA Competition Law Online Symposium)

May 17, 2022

Panelist, "Transforming Your Approach to Document Automation with AI: Advanced, Time-Saving Methods for Litigators", CBA Skilled Lawyer Series webinar

April 12, 2022

Panelist, "A Conversation with the CEO of Moderna", Harvard Business

January 20, 2021

Panelist, Copyright Panel and Career Q&A, Webinar Series hosted by Toronto Intellectual Property Group (TIPG)

May 27, 2020

Presenter, "Mandates, By-Laws, and Governance Policies: Takeaways on Establishing Consistency Through Elections and Board Succession/Changes", Canadian Institute Conference on Crown Corporate Governance

January 21, 2020

Presenter, "Copyright Case Law Update - 2019", Intellectual Property Institute of Canada Annual Conference

September 27, 2019

Presenter, "E-Discovery and Technology: Why you can't have one without the other", Legal Innovation & Technology on the Atlantic Coast - A Conversation with people at the Forefront of Change in the Legal Industry, Hosted by EPIQ Global

September 19, 2019

Presenter, "IP and Contract Law: Need to Know", Canadian Bar Association IP Section, Annual IP Day

May 30, 2019

Co-presenter, Need to Know: Norwich Orders, CBA Nova Scotia Winter Conference

December 07, 2018

Co-presenter, "The Do's and Don'ts of Parallel Litigation and Prosecution", CBA IP Day

May 11, 2017

Panelist, "The Road to E-Discovery: More Garden Path, Less Mountain Climb?", CBA Nova Scotia Mid-Winter Conference

January 28, 2016

Co-presenter, "Top 10 Licensing Tips for Music Owners", ALIS conference

February 28, 2015

Presenter, "E-Contracts: Hip to be Square", CBA Nova Scotia Mid-Winter Conference

January 29, 2015

Presenter, "Counterfeit Goods", CBA Privacy Law Session

October 01, 2014