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Katie assists public and private sector clients—including municipalities, schools, hospitals, transit authorities, developers, businesses and private landowners—with planning, municipal and expropriation matters.

Experience

- Acting for municipalities and expropriating authorities on various land use planning and expropriation matters, including complex negotiations and appeals.
- Providing guidance to schools and school boards with respect to expropriation, planning, and regulatory matters, including by-law interpretation and compliance.
- Assisting hospitals in connection with planning, expropriation, and real estate matters.
- Advising businesses in the resolution of zoning by-law disputes.
- Assisting individual landowners with planning and expropriation issues.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Ontario introduces Bill 17 to build homes, communities and transit infrastructure faster", BLG Article, May 2025
- Author, "New OLT rules for expropriation matters", BLG Article, October 2023

- Co-Presenter and Co-Moderator, "Expropriation Developments: Nemeth v Toronto and Defining the Scheme, Annapolis and Constructive Takings, and Proposed OLT Rule Changes", BLG Municipal Law Seminar, September 2023
- Author, "Significant expansion to the law of "constructive takings": Annapolis Group Inc v Halifax Regional Municipality", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Fixing long term care & land use planning: What does More Homes for Everyone mean for long-term care?", BLG Article, August 2022
- Co-Presenter, "Recent Changes to the Expropriations Act following Bill 245", BLG Municipal Law Seminar, October 26, 2021
- Author, "Ontario COVID-19 commission suggests public-private LTC model in final report", BLG Article, July 2021
- Author, "The interrelationship between MTSAs, PMTSAs and Inclusionary Zoning", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Minister's zoning orders come to the fore in a pandemic", BLG Article, November 2020
- Co-Author, "Mortgages & Expropriations: A Refresher", Ontario Bar Association, January 17, 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Current Mortgage Issues and Trends in Expropriations", BLG Municipal Law Seminar, October 9, 2019
- Author, "Bill 108, Ontario's More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019", BLG Article, May 2019
- Co-author, "New Rules under the Invasive Species Act," Georgian Bay Forever, Spring 2017

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Professional Involvement

- Newsletter Editor, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section, 2022-2023
- Executive Member, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section, 2018-2024
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Expropriation Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as "Ones to Watch" (Environmental Law)
- Recognized in the Novae Res Urbis Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area annual rankings for the Top 10 GTHA Development Law Firms.

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2017
- JD, University of Windsor, 2016
- BA (Hons.), York University, 2012



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