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Veronica maintains a broad practice encompassing both complex commercial and civil litigation matters for public and private companies, as well as individuals.

Veronica's areas of focus include:

- General commercial litigation, including contractual and enforcement matters;
- Securities litigation and regulation, including broker liability and departing broker litigation, as well as investigations and proceedings before Provincial Securities Commissions, IIROC and the MFDA;
- Banking litigation, including bills of exchange and debtor/creditor litigation;
- Administrative and public law, including judicial reviews;
- Professional discipline matters; and
- Investigations and white collar defence.

Veronica has acted as counsel and assisted with matters before arbitrators, administrative tribunals and selfregulatory organizations, all levels of courts in Ontario, the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

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Experience

- Counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the class action relating to the Lac Mégantic accident (*Ouellet c. Canadian Pacific Railway Company et al.*)
- Counsel for the Canadian Judicial Council (National Council of Canadian Muslims et al. v. The Attorney General of Canada)
- Presenting counsel before the Ontario Judicial Council in the hearing concerning a complaint about the conduct of the Honourable Justice Donald McLeod
- Acts for financial institutions in defence of investor loss claims

Insights & Events

- Author, "Off the record: Non-testifying expert consultants", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Court dismisses securities class action in first-of-its-kind-decision", BLG Article, June 2021
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal opens door to novel duty of care for fund managers", BLG Article, June 2020
- Co-author, "Making masks mandatory is not a civil liberties issue", The Toronto Star, June 2020
- Author, "Ontario Court Dismisses Proposed Class Action Against ETF Fund Developer and Manager Over Failed High Risk Investment", BLG Article, October 2019
- Author, "Significant New Statutory Protections for Journalistic Sources Affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada", BLG Article, October 2019
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada Says to Yield to the Arbitration Clause in the Case of Consumer/Non-Consumer Class Actions", BLG Article, April 2019
- Author, "Developmental Services Waitlist Class Action Versus Ontario Government Achieves Certification", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "Exception for Incapable Persons Cannot be Used to Extend Time For Estate Trustees", BLG Article, December 2018
- Author, "What happens when you pay premiums on your spouse's life insurance and unbeknownst to you he changes the beneficiary designation to someone else?", BLG Article, November 2018
- Author, "Newfoundland Court of Appeal Rules that Counterclaims cannot be certified as Class Actions", BLG Article, September 2018
- Author, "Doctoring The Complaints Process? Procedural Fairness And Professional Discipline Legislation", BLG Article, August 2018
- Author, " Supreme Court to Hear Appeal on Interaction between Arbitration Clauses and Class Proceedings: TELUS Communications Inc. v. Avraham Wellman", BLG Article, April 2018
- Author, "Immigration Update Changes to the Express Entry System and Electronic Travel Authorization Reminder", BLG Article, June 2017

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Swedish Women's Educational Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, County of Carleton Law Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society



Community Involvement

• Volunteer, Pro Bono Ontario Hotline

Awards & Recognitions

 Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2023) of the Best Lawyers in Canada® as "One to Watch" (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2017
- JD, University of Ottawa, 2016
- BHSc (Honours Specialization), University of Western Ontario

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