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## Speaker Biographies

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## Anthony M.C. Alexander

Tony Alexander is a partner in our Litigation practice in Toronto. His practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, cross-border proceedings, class actions, intellectual property litigation and administrative/regulatory matters.

### Teaching Engagements

Tony is a regular instructor at the Law Society of Upper Canada's Professional Conduct and Practice in Ontario program. He has presented guest lectures addressing the defence of securities class actions, as part of the Osgoode Hall LL.M. course "Securities Litigation and Enforcement". In the 2015-2016 academic year, Tony was an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, teaching "The Business Torts".

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### Bar Admissions

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### Education

University of Toronto, LL.B., 1992

Queen's University, M.A., 1989

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### Expertise

Litigation

### Speaking Engagements

Tony's recent presentations have addressed the duty of good faith; privilege issues faced by in-house counsel; understanding complex contractual concepts; recent developments in the economic torts; and the drafting and enforcement of multinational contracts.

### Articles and Publications

- Cross-Border & Multijurisdiction Class Actions - A Canadian Perspective, *Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation* (American Bar Association), 2015, 2014 and 2013 editions
- The BCCA Sets a High Hurdle for Repudiation of a Lease, *British Columbia Real Estate Law Developments* (Wolters Kluwer, 2014)
- To Agree or Not to Agree: When Do Discontinued Negotiations Lead to a Binding Contract? *Commercial Times* (CCH, 2013);
- An Unexpected Expansion of the Common Law Anti-Deprivation Rule, *National Insolvency Review* (LexisNexis, 2013)
- The "Unlawful Means" Element of the Economic Torts: Does a Coherent Approach Lie Beyond Reach?, *Annual Review of Civil Litigation*, 2010, eds. Archibald and Echlin (Carswell, 2011)



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Afshan is senior litigation counsel at CIBC. She handles all manner of disputes for CIBC for its many lines of business across the country including regulatory matters. The CIBC litigation group received the Benchmark Canada Litigation Award for In-house Team of the Year in 2014 and 2016. Prior to joining the bank in 2011, Afshan was a commercial litigator at Torys and during that time, appeared before administrative tribunals and various levels of court including the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. In her spare time, she is a Vice-Chair of the ACC Securities Law Committee and is President of the Board of Barbra Schliker Commemorative Clinic, an organization which assists women experiencing violence.



**Lisa Borsook** is the Executive Partner, former Managing Partner, and Chairperson of the Commercial Leasing Practice Group at WeirFoulds. Lisa uses her extensive management, legal and business experience to run her vibrant practice that includes regional, national and international clients with retail, industrial, office and brownfields properties. Lisa is repeatedly recognized as a leading practitioner in leasing, including receiving the 2014 OBA Award of Excellence in Real Estate. Under her leadership, WeirFoulds experienced tremendous growth and industry recognition. As one of the first women managing partners, she brought women in the workplace, diversity and community issues to the forefront, and continues to champion these causes. She has been inducted into the Women's Executive Network's (WXN) Top 100: Most Powerful Women in Canada Hall of Fame, and has received the Zenith Award, Laura Legge Award, and the ICRF Women of Action Award for achievements in business and law. Lisa is a member of the Law Firm Diversity and Inclusion Network, and was appointed to the Equity Advisory Group of the LSUC. She is on the Women's Brain Health Initiative board, has received her ICD.D Corporate Director's designation, and is on the Canadian Board Diversity Council's 2016 Diversity 50 roster.



**Kelly L. Brown, Chief Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer - @molsonkellyb**

Kelly Brown is Chief Legal and Corporate Affairs Officer for Molson Coors Canada, the oldest brewer in North America. In her role, Kelly is a part of the Molson Leadership Team and is responsible for the Legal and Corporate Affairs Teams. Kelly joined Molson in October, 2000 as Corporate Counsel, moving into the role of Vice President and General Counsel (2005), Chief Legal Officer (2009) and most recently, Chief People, Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer (2012) for the company.

Kelly received her law degree from Dalhousie University and her BA (Hon) in English Literature from McGill University. Upon graduation, she clerked at the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa and then began her legal career practicing corporate/commercial law at Torys. Kelly was called to the bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1998. In 2006, *Lexpert* named her one of Canada's "Top 40 Lawyers under 40". In 2012, Kelly went "undercover" for Molson on the popular television series "*Undercover Boss Canada*". She was chosen as a Finalist for General Counsel of the Year at the *Canadian General Counsel Awards* in 2016. Passionate about leadership, Kelly is a regular blogger on that subject for Huffington Post.

Originally from Montréal, Kelly now lives in Toronto with her husband and 7 year old daughter. She remains steadfastly loyal to her first loves: the Montréal Canadiens and a cold Molson Export.



## **Robin Cassel**

Robin Cassel was called to the Bar in 1993 and her practice has been focused on privacy law at Royal Bank of Canada since 2005. She works with enterprise functional groups including Compliance, Privacy and Information Risk Management on legal and regulatory issues impacting the Canadian and global operations. She also provides advice on privacy issues to business partners implementing electronic initiatives. She regularly responds to a broad range of issues including online privacy and information security, communication under National Do Not Call List and Canada's Anti-Spam Law (CASL), employee privacy and access to information. Robin has a B.A. in Economics from McGill University and a L.L.B. from Queen's University.



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#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation

#### BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1993  
British Columbia, 1997

#### EDUCATION

Carleton University, B.A.  
University of Ottawa, LL.B.  
Registered Trademark Agent

#### LANGUAGE(S)

English, French

May is a Certified Specialist in Intellectual Property Law (Trade-mark/Copyright), and a partner in the Intellectual Property Group. She has more than 20 years of experience in advising clients on all aspects of intellectual property protection and enforcement, including branding strategy, licensing and anti-counterfeiting. She is regularly involved in injunctive proceedings and appeals to the Federal Court of Canada in trade-mark disputes and infringement cases. May's litigation experience also includes patent infringement litigation involving telecommunications and nuclear technology, trade secret and copyright infringement litigation, in both Federal and Provincial courts. She has expertise in the execution and enforcement of Anton Piller Orders to seize counterfeit goods bearing famous luxury brands and consumer goods. She also has considerable experience in on-line arbitration of domain name disputes.

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### INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, 2016, recognized in the area of Intellectual Property.
- President's Award, awarded by Women's Law Association of Ontario, 2016.
- *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine*, 2014-2016, recognized as an IP Star.
- Inducted into the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law's Common Law Honour Society, 2014.
- *The Legal 500 Canada*, 2014-2016, recognized in the area of Intellectual Property.
- *WTR1000: The World's Leading Trademark Professionals*, 2013-2016, recognized as a Silver Band ranked lawyer in Canada for both trade-mark litigation and anti-counterfeiting.





**Dan Ciraco** is Senior Legal Counsel at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (“CBC”) and Secretary for the Canadian Documentary Channel Partnership. He has extensive experience in the media and entertainment industries, providing strategic advice on a variety of business transactions including negotiating and drafting various intellectual property, technology, advertising, licensing, distribution and new media agreements. He is currently the Chair of the Editorial Board for Just Magazine, the OBA’s official publication, and a former Executive and the Newsletter Editor with the Ontario Bar Association’s Entertainment, Media and Communications Law Section. Prior to joining the CBC, Dan was the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Masterfile Corporation, an international stock photography and online content company. Dan has also worked at a boutique media and entertainment law firm, Heenan Blaikie in Toronto, and Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. Dan graduated from Osgoode Law School and also holds a master’s degree in alternative dispute resolution in intellectual property disputes.



**Laura Cooper** is Chair of Fasken Martineau's Ontario Litigation Department. As Chair, she leads the litigation groups in Toronto and Ottawa and liaises with the Chairs of Fasken's litigation groups throughout Canada and South Africa. Laura is also Co-Chair of the firm's Ontario Class Actions Practice Group and Chair of the Ontario Pro Bono Committee of the firm. Laura acts regularly for internationally known corporations in the defence of significant class actions in areas including securities, antitrust/competition, product liability, and consumer remedies, among others. Many of her cases have cross-border and international implications and she regularly works with clients and counsel in the U.S. and globally. Benchmark Canada has ranked Laura as a litigation star for arbitration and class actions in Canada and as a local litigation star in Ontario. Legal 500 Canada has ranked Laura for her work in Competition and Antitrust 2014 and 2016-2017 and Dispute Resolution 2015-2017, and in 2013 Laura received the Lexpert Zenith Award celebrating leading women lawyers. Laura is also ranked by Lexpert for her work in class actions, and has been named by Benchmark as one of Canada's Top 25 Women Litigators in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

**Vince DeRose** is the national leader of the Defence and Security Industry Group, and the regional leader of the Energy Markets Group and the Oil and Gas Group in our Ottawa Office.

Vince regularly acts as counsel to both suppliers and purchasers in complex procurement transactions. He has assisted federal, territorial and municipal governments, Crown corporations, Crown agencies, corporations, hospitals, museums and suppliers of various types of goods and services on all aspects of tendering and contracting, including the formulation of procurement strategies, analysis of solicitation documents, assessments of contractual terms and conditions, development of procurement proposals, evaluation of bids, and assisting with bid challenges. Vince has been involved with a number of large complex procurements ranging from light rail, to Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicles, to in-service support for Canada's warships and submarines, to the provision of air ambulances in Nunavut. To this end, he has acted as counsel on many complex bid disputes before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, Federal Court of Canada, Federal Court of Appeal of Canada and Superior Court of Ontario.

Through involvement with defence and security industries, Vince has developed high-level expertise in Canada's export control laws and regulations. He is also regularly called upon to advise on all aspects of Canada's economic sanctions, including the exemption permit process, and Canada's international anti-bribery rules, including Canada's *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act*.

Vince has also been recognized for his procurement expertise by *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Legal 500 Canada (Dispute Resolution and Public Procurement)*, *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and *Who's Who Legal — Canada (Public Procurement)*.



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### Practice description

Dean Dolan is of counsel in Baker & McKenzie's Toronto office. Previously, he was in-house counsel at Walmart Canada Corporation, where he held the position of Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Privacy Officer, and was the senior lawyer responsible for data privacy, litigation, and employment and labour law matters. Mr. Dolan is a well-known and highly regarded privacy practitioner in the Canadian in-house legal and privacy professionals community.

Mr. Dolan has served on the Executive Committee of the Ontario Bar Association's Privacy Law Section, the Advisory Board of the Conference Board of Canada's Chief Privacy Officer's Council, the Executive of the Retail Council of Canada's Privacy Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers. He is an author, and frequent speaker on privacy, labour and employment, and litigation matters.

### Practice focus

Mr. Dolan's practice focuses on information governance and privacy, and he provides companies strategic advice on the management and retention of their information globally. In particular, he works with a team of information specialists on Baker & McKenzie's leading iG360 platform, recently recognized by *The Financial Times* as a standout innovative solution in the compliance and technology category.

### Education and admission

#### Education

- University of Western Ontario (LL.B.) (1991)
- Dalhousie University (B.A. Honours) (1988)

#### Admission

- Ontario-Canada (1993)



**Shelly Feld** is Manager, Litigation at the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the “MFDA”). He is a member of the management team of the MFDA Enforcement Department that oversees the activities of enforcement counsel (prosecutors), investigators and case assessment staff. He conducts disciplinary prosecutions before MFDA Hearing Panels and is part of the management group responsible for the case load of 12 MFDA enforcement counsel. The MFDA is the national self regulatory organization in the financial services industry that regulates the distribution side of the mutual fund industry (the sale of investment products to Canadian investors). The MFDA enforces Rules of professional conduct applicable to the 95 mutual fund dealers that operate in Canada and approximately 83,000 investment advisors and compliance staff that work for them. The MFDA is recognized by the Ontario Securities Commission and the other provincial securities commissions across the country and works closely with the commissions to uphold high standards of professional conduct in the mutual fund industry.

Mr. Feld has conducted prosecutions against mutual fund dealers and investment advisors throughout Canada involving a range of misconduct that includes fraud, misappropriation, sales of unauthorized investment products, improper personal financial dealings with clients, unauthorized trading for clients, unsuitable investment recommendations, deficient supervision of advisors by dealers, branch managers and compliance staff, unfair complaint handling, failure to cooperate with regulatory investigations, financial compliance deficiencies and other unethical business practices.

Prior to working at the MFDA, Mr. Feld was a litigator at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP where he worked on a broad variety of cases that included class proceedings, commercial disputes, injunction proceedings, income tax litigation and administrative law proceedings.

In 1999, Mr. Feld clerked for Mr. Justice Ackermann at the Constitutional Court of South Africa in Johannesburg and served as a lecturer in the faculty of law at the University of Witswatersrand.

## **Angela Giancaterini**

**Legal Counsel, Kellogg Canada Inc.**

Ms. Angela Giancaterini joined Kellogg Canada Inc. as Legal Counsel in 2014. At Kellogg, Angela advises on all legal matters relating to advertising and marketing strategies and campaigns. She works closely and extensively with her global counterparts in the commercialization of products including packaging, labelling, advertising, product distribution, regulatory licensing, and manufacturing. Angela's core specialties include marketing and advertising compliance, nutrition regulation, general intellectual property management for Canada, as well as other areas of law. She has also been involved in drafting and negotiating IP licensing, research and development, co-promotion, marketing and confidentiality agreements for her clients, and provides guidance in *Food and Drugs Act* compliance, packaging and labeling. Angela has spoken on the legal risks associated with marketing and advertising on a number of occasions both internally at Kellogg and externally. Prior to joining Kellogg, Angela was Legal Counsel for Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce where she practiced marketing and advertising law with a particular focus on credit cards, and e-commerce law. Angela graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the Ontario Bar in 2001. Following law school, Angela articulated and practiced corporate law as an associate with Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP from 2001 to 2004.



## **Sonali GuptaBhaya**

Sonali is the Director of Market Regulation Policy at IIROC. She has worked on policy projects such as Marketplace Thresholds and proposed changes to best execution. Prior to IIROC, Sonali was a legal counsel in the Market Regulation Branch at the OSC for eight years where she conducted marketplace oversight and developed market structure policy. Sonali began her career at a major law firm in Toronto. She holds an LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School as well as an MBA from the Schulich School of Business.

## **Jason J. Kee,** Public Policy Counsel

Jason J. Kee is Public Policy and Government Relations Counsel for Google/YouTube. Working with Google Canada's policy team in Ottawa, he monitors and analyzes issues and legislation affecting the Internet, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Interactive Digital Media (IDM) industries in Canada. Prior to joining Google, Jason was the Director of Policy and Legal Affairs for the Entertainment Software Association of Canada (ESAC), the industry association that represents the Canadian video game industry. Before that, Jason practiced intellectual property, information technology and entertainment law.



**Andrea Kokonis** is Associate General Counsel for the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN). SOCAN is a not-for-profit organization that represents the performing rights for millions of Canadian and international music creators and publishers. As Associate General Counsel, Andrea handles a variety of matters, including music licensing, copyright enforcement and tariff strategy for proceedings before the Copyright Board of Canada.

Prior to joining SOCAN, Andrea practiced at Torys LLP and Fasken Martineau LLP, specializing in intellectual property law. While in private practice, Andrea represented a variety of clients in all areas of IP law, including pharmaceutical patent, trade-mark and copyright litigation, as well as trade-mark licensing and prosecution. Andrea has appeared before the Federal Court of Canada, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Trademarks Opposition Board.

Andrea obtained her Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University. Prior to law school, she was a sales representative with IBM Canada.

Andrea graduated from the University of Toronto, Victoria College, with majors in Economics and East Asian Studies, and a minor in French Studies.



**Biography – Giuliana Marinelli, Senior Counsel, Royal Bank of Canada**

Ms. Giuliana Marinelli joined Royal Bank of Canada as In-House Counsel in 2004. Prior to joining RBC, she practiced corporate and technology law at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP. Giuliana graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the Ontario Bar in 2002. Giuliana is part of the Enterprise Services Team within the RBC Law Group. She has spoken on the legal risks associated with social media on a number of occasions both internally at RBC and externally. Giuliana works closely with a number of different lines of business focussing on social media strategy and legal risk. She works extensively with her global partners in Compliance, Operational Risk and Human Resources to analyze and advance the enterprise wide perspective on social media. She also advises members of Privacy, Global Compliance and numerous business units throughout the Enterprise with respect to global initiatives that involve privacy and data protection, privacy policies and privacy impact assessments. For the past nine years, her thought leadership has been integral to the development and implementation of social media initiatives, governance, policies and protocols for Royal Bank of Canada. Giuliana seeks to provide innovative and practical legal advice which takes into account the unique challenges and expectations within the social media sphere.

**Jennifer Radford** is a partner in BLG's International Trade and Arbitration Group and is resident in the firm's Ottawa office.

Jennifer advises on the laws governing cross-border trade, with a focus on enforcement and compliance matters in the areas of foreign corrupt practices, export controls, economic sanctions, trade embargos, import and technology transfer controls, and blocking measures (Cuba).

She assists Canadian and international businesses, financial institutions, and individuals with internal investigations and compliance in these areas. She has designed and implemented a number of compliance programs including policies, procedures, training, and internal control mechanisms. She has assisted with international trade law compliance issues during due diligence processes for acquisitions and mergers. Jennifer has represented businesses and individuals in making voluntary disclosure and the ensuing investigations. She has also advised and represented foreign governments on trade issues with Canada and commercial disputes with Canadian companies.

Jennifer also regularly advises on the interpretation and enforcement of international trade agreements, such as NAFTA. She also advises and represents both foreign and domestic business in anti-dumping and procurement matters before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal.

## **Warren Sheffer, Hebb & Sheffer**

Warren is engaged in a broad intellectual property and business law practice. He regularly advises authors and performers as well as professional organizations that represent them, and provides corporate counsel to small and mid-sized technology companies. In addition to his LL.B. (Windsor), he holds a B.A. in Economics (Toronto), a M.A. in History (Queen's) and a Professional Specialization Certificate in International Intellectual Property Law (Victoria). Warren began his legal career at the law firm Fasken Martineau LLP (1999-2004) and has since been in private practice with Marian Hebb for over a decade. He currently serves as duty counsel at Artists' Legal Advice Services (ALAS), a not-for-profit summary legal advice clinic in Toronto that serves artists of all disciplines, and chaired its related not-for-profit corporation, Artists and Lawyers for the Advancement of Creativity (ALAC) from 2013 to 2016. Warren is a former Executive Member of the Entertainment, Media and Communications and Information Technology Sections of the Ontario Bar Association, and he served as the founding chair of the Queen West Art Crawl corporation.

**Jeff Van Damme** is Vice-President and General Counsel of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. As head of the Canadian Legal Department, in addition to being responsible for legal and regulatory affairs, Jeff holds the role of Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Privacy Officer and heads up the organizations governmental affairs. The Legal Department is also responsible for providing ongoing legal support to the Samsung Research Canada lab and various subsidiaries located across the country. Prior to joining Samsung Electronics Canada, Jeff spent over 10 years in the automotive sector most recently as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Nissan Canada Inc. and prior to that as Legal Counsel for BMW Canada Inc. Prior to joining BMW Canada Inc. Jeff practiced as an associate at McMillan LLP in the Corporate Finance Department.



**René Zanin BA, LL.B**  
**Chief Legal Officer**

René Zanin was appointed Chief Legal Officer of Foresters Financial™, a fraternal benefit society providing insurance and other financial products to its members in the US, UK, and Canada in February 2015. In this role, he provides strategic legal advice and services on an enterprise-wide basis including all aspects of insurance law, litigation management, mergers and acquisitions, general corporate commercial and employment law. René was also appointed Chief Compliance Officer of Foresters in 2016.

Prior to joining Foresters, René worked as a Senior Associate in the litigation group at Fasken Martineau, a Toronto based global law firm until 2002. René then joined Foresters as Senior Counsel in 2002 where he was exposed to various facets of the life insurance industry. His work focused on insurance operations, claims, corporate governance and employment-related matters. In July 2008, René accepted a position as General Counsel for Toshiba of Canada Limited, the Canadian subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation, a multinational conglomerate. At Toshiba, René was responsible for all legal and compliance matters relating to Toshiba's operations in Canada.

René holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts (BA) from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from the University of Western Ontario. He was called to the bar of Ontario in 1999.