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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2020

Areas of Expertise

Government and Public Sector

Anti-corruption and Bribery

Private Equity

Banking and Financial Services

Media and Entertainment

Mining and Natural Resources

Government Investigations and

White-Collar Defence

Regulatory Investigations

Disputes

Domestic and International

Arbitration

International Trade and Investment

Corporate and Commercial Disputes

Risk Management and Crisis

Response

Sarah is a trusted advisor and advocate for clients facing domestic and international disputes, investigations, regulatory matters, and compliance issues. She is able to offer practical and timely strategies to clients seeking to proactively manage risk and strategically and effectively respond to issues when they arise.

She has experience navigating complex commercial and civil litigation matters, domestic and international commercial arbitrations, investor-state arbitrations, government investigations and white-collar matters, enforcement proceedings, compliance and governance reviews, securities disputes, trade disputes, tax disputes, internal investigations, and drafting dispute resolution, trade, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering provisions in various commercial agreements. Sarah was previously seconded to the Enforcement Branch of the Ontario Securities Commission, worked in the International Arbitration practice group of a major global firm in Paris, and completed a summer clerkship at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Active in the arbitration community, Sarah serves on the Executive Board of Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP) as the Chair – Policy and Advocacy Committee.

Awards and Recognition

- The Edward and Emily McWhinney Foundation Scholarship
- Women's Law Association of Ontario/Torkin Manes LLP Trailblazer Award for her leadership role in promoting women in business, legal expertise and business acumen, and an entrepreneurial spirit

Community Involvement

- Chair – Policy and Advocacy Committee on Executive Board (2022-), Board of Directors (2021-), Events Committee Member (2020-2022), Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP)
- Arbitration Advisor at LexisNexis Practical Guidance
- Moot Coach (2020-2022), Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team at Osgoode Hall Law School
- Volunteer Judge, McGill Moot Court Invitational Tournament (2021)

Credentials

Education

- University of Toronto, J.D.
- University of Oxford, M.Sc.
- McGill University, B.A. (First Class Honours)

Languages

- English

Professional Affiliations

- Law Society of Ontario
- Women's White Collar Defense Association
- Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners