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Areas of expertise

- Professional Regulation
- Administrative Law
- Civil and Commercial Litigation

Bar admission

January 2001

Education

- LL.B, Osgoode Hall
- B.A. (with high distinction)
 University of Toronto

Languages

➤ English

Biography

Luisa's practice encompasses a wide variety of areas, including professional regulation; administrative law; general civil and commercial litigation. She is preferred counsel for LawPro, having acted on its behalf on a number of court motions.

Luisa frequently appears in the Divisional Court on behalf of the Ontario Racing Commission and has acted as counsel for the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports on a number of anti-doping cases over the last several years. In addition, Luisa acts for students facing academic and non-academic related charges at secondary and post-secondary intuitions throughout the Province.

Further, Luisa acts as independent legal counsel for the College of Nurses of Ontario, the College of Opticians of Ontario, the College of Naturopaths of Ontario, and the College of Veterinarians of Ontario.

Luisa was appointed by former Chief Justice Warren Winkler to act as court monitor in the administration of two pan-Canadian settlements involving the tainted blood scandal, as well as the settlement involving water contamination in Walkerton, Ontario.

Luisa has been involved in three judicial inquiries, including serving as co-counsel to the Office of the Chief Coroner in the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology (the "Goudge Inquiry"), counsel for the North York General Hospital nurses during the SARS review, counsel for Peter McCallion in the Mississauga Judicial Inquiry, and counsel to the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario in the Elliot Lake Inquiry.



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She is an adjunct professor for the Trial Practice Course at Osgoode Hall Law School and is a team leader for the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

Representative Work

- ➤ Court Monitor in the administration of the tainted blood settlements involving persons infected with Hepatitis C through the receipt of blood or blood products in Canada between 1986 and 1990 (*Parsons v. The Canada Red Cross Society et al*) and persons infected with Hepatitis C through the receipt of blood or blood products in Canada prior to 1986 and after 1990 (*McCarthy v. The Canadian Red Cross Society et al*)
- Court Monitor in the administration of the settlement involving the contaminated water supply in Walkerton Ontario (*Smith v. The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton et. al*)
- Co-counsel to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports in a number of anti-doping hearings, including three involving Pan Am and Olympic bound athletes, who tested positive for prohibited substances
- Co-counsel to the Office of the Chief Coroner in the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology (the "Goudge Inquiry")
- Co-counsel for Peter McCallion in the Mississauga Judicial Inquiry
- Co-counsel for the North York General Hospital nurses during the SARS review

Starting in 2005, Justice Archie Campbell conducted a review of the medical community and government's response to the SARS outbreak of 2003. We represented a number of nurses employed at the North York General Hospital during the relevant time period.

➤ Bruno Appliance Inc. v. Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP et al /Fred Mauldin et al v. Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP et al /Demessey Ltd. v. Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP et al.

These three cases involve claims against a law firm, a former partner, and their former client. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants were engaged in business activities that amounted to a fraudulent investment scheme. Stockwoods successfully defended motions for summary judgment brought by the plaintiffs in the first two cases and had parts of the claim in the third case struck by the court as well as obtained significant awards of costs and security for costs for their client.



Selected Publications

- Co-Author, Ban Russian Athletes from Rio Olympics, Commentary, Toronto Star, July 24, 2016.
- Co-Author, In Defence of Administrative Law: Procedural Fairness for Administrative Monetary Penalties (Canadian Journal of Administrative Law & Practice, Vo. 28, No. 1)
- Co-Contributor, Canadian Legal Practice, A Guide for the 21st Century
- Co-Author, Problem Areas in Evidence at Trial (Presented December 6, 2001 at the Putting Your Best Case Forward: Using Evidence Effectively Seminar, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Program)
- ➤ Co-Author, Tribunal Standing New Developments (Presented October 18, 2011 at the Administrative Law CLE, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Program)
- Co-Author, Application of the Test for Bias across the Spectrum of Administrative Decision Making (Presented February 28, 2012 at Decision Writing and Running a Fair Hearing Conference, The Canadian Institute, Ottawa)
- Author, Mitigating the Mitigation Minefield, A Case Comment on Southcotte Estates (Presented September 2012 at the 12-Minute Civil Litigator Program, LSUC

Teaching & Speaking Engagements

- Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School (Trial Practice)
- ➤ Co-Chair (with Matthew Horner), Osgoode Professional Development conference on Advocacy before Administrative Tribunals, October 2016
- ➤ Co-Chair (with Jane Southren), Osgoode Professional Development conference on Foreign Parties in Ontario Proceedings, 2012
- ➤ Team Leader, Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Professional Development Program, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2009-present
- Regularly invited to speak at conferences, including:
 - Speaker, Advocates' Society, Evidence for Litigators, Skills Program, November 2011
 - Speaker, Canadian Institute, Advanced Administrative Law Conference, October 2011
 - Speaker, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Program, Administrative Law, CLE, October 2011
 - o Speaker, Canadian Institute, Decision Writing Conference, 2009, 2010



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