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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Newfoundland and Labrador,
2007

Legal Assistant(s): [Christine Osmond](#)

Janet has an advisory and civil litigation practice with a focus in the areas of health, privacy and access to information and cybersecurity.

Janet leads the health law team in the St. John's office. She defends healthcare organizations and professionals in medical malpractice claims. She also provides situational advice to healthcare organizations on a diverse range of topics including adverse event management and disclosure; consent and capacity; statutory interpretation; regulatory compliance; corporate governance; and risk management.

Janet regularly advises public bodies and private enterprises regarding compliance with the relevant privacy and access to information regulatory regime. Her work encompasses advice regarding collection, use and disclosure of personal information; assistance with responding to access to information requests and appeals; and guiding investigations and responses to cybersecurity and privacy breaches. She acted as counsel to the Regional Health Authorities in Newfoundland and Labrador in response to one of the largest cybersecurity incidents in Canadian history.

Janet's class action practice includes complex medical malpractice claims and privacy breach claims.

She has appeared at all levels of Court in Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as, as counsel at a Commission of Inquiry. She has also assisted clients with statutory review proceedings.

Practice Areas

Class Actions

Cybersecurity

Health

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Privacy

Education & Career

Education

Dalhousie University, MHSA, LLB, 2006

Dalhousie University, B.Sc. (honours), 1999

Certificate Program in Clinical Risk, Negligence and Claims Management in Health Care, Osgoode Hall Law School

Professional Development, 2011

Certificate in Health Care Risk Management, Ontario Hospital Association, 2009

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Chair, Newfoundland and Labrador Canadian Bar Association, Health Law Section

Member, board of directors, St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation, 2016 – 2021

Public member, Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals, 2011 – 2013

Member, Fundraising Committee, St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation, 2009 – 2012

Communications chair, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canadian Bar Association, 2009 – 2011

Member, *Squid pro quo* Committee, Newfoundland & Labrador Branch, Canadian Bar Association, 2007 – 2011

Director, Victorian Order of Nurses, 2008 – 2010

Director, Open Book Literacy Council, 2006 – 2007

Accolades

Lexpert rating: Life Sciences & Health Law, 2023

Publications

Author, "Institutional Liability and Considerations for Defence Counsel", published in *For the Defense*, Vol. 49, No. 11

Presentations

Speaker, "What's "Trending" in Canadian Privacy Law & Privacy Litigation" webinar, Canadian Bar Association Spring Law Series, 2022

June 21, 2022

"Litigation Strategies for Charities and Not for Profits" (Presented via the OBA, April 2020)

Presenter, "ATIPPA & Councilor Records", Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador AGM, 2018

Presenter, "Privacy Issues in Claims Investigations", Stewart McKelvey St. John's Insurance Seminar, 2012

Presenter, “Addictions: Realities, Perceptions and Practice Dilemmas Challenging our Professional and Personal Selves”, NL Association of Social Workers and Association of Registered Nurses, 2012

Presenter, “Facebook”, Stewart McKelvey Halifax Insurance Seminar, 2011

Presenter, “Facebook”, Stewart McKelvey St. John’s Insurance Seminar, 2011

Presenter, “Personal Health Information Act”, Stewart McKelvey Client Presentation, 2011

Presenter, “Clients’ Right to Make Poor Choices”, NL Association of Social Workers and Association of Registered Nurses of NL, 2011

Presenter, “Mock Examination for Discovery”, Operating Room Nurses’ Association of Canada (ORNAC) National Conference, 2009