

## Koren Thomson

### Partner

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Bar Admission(s): Newfoundland and Labrador,  
2011

Legal Assistant(s): [Joanne Taylor](#)

Koren has a civil litigation practice with an emphasis in the areas of privacy and access to information, cybersecurity, class actions and medical malpractice. She regularly advises Universities, municipalities, regional health authorities, and private sector entities with respect to information management practices and policies, access to information requests, privacy breaches and cybersecurity events. She is often engaged by organizations to:

- Provide advice with respect to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information and policies relating to same;
- Assist with responses to access to information requests, and to defend complex access to information appeals;
- Guide investigations and direct responses to cybersecurity and privacy breaches up to and including advice with respect to breach containment and notification requirements; and to,
- Defend privacy complaints and claims.

Koren's robust class action practice includes privacy breach class action claims. She also frequently makes submissions to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Newfoundland and Labrador, and advocates for her clients before the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. In July 2020, she and Colm St. Roch Seviour successfully represented the appellant, Spielo International Canada ULC in the seminal class action case on Waiver of Tort before the Supreme Court of Canada, [\*Atlantic Lottery Corp Inc. v Babstock\*](#).

## Practice Areas

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Class Actions

Cybersecurity

Education

Health

Insurance

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Privacy

## Education & Career

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### Education

University of New Brunswick, LLB, 2010

Mount Allison University, BA, Honours in International Relations, 2004

### Activities

Chair, NL Privacy Law Section, Canadian Bar Association

Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Former chairperson, Thrive CYN St. John's, Inc.

Former Women's Law Forum Co-Chair, Canadian Bar Association (NL Branch)

## Thought Leadership

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Keep your hands off my records: solicitor-client privilege & access to information

July 19, 2022

*Digital Charter Implementation Act, 2020*: The long-awaited overhaul of private sector privacy legislation in Canada

November 20, 2020

## Publications

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Author, "Privileged records and access to information reviews: to produce or not produce?", *Discovery: Atlantic Education and the Law*

September 26, 2018

The New Brunswick Court of Appeal Walks the Talk: Interest on a Litigation Loan Constitutes a Taxable Disbursement, *CBA National Insurance Law Section Newsletter*, May 2013

Atlantic Business Counsel Newsletter, *Changes to Newfoundland and Labrador Small Claims Act*, Vol. 11, No. 2, July 2010

## **Presentations**

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“ATIPPA & Councillor Records”, for 2018 Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador 69th Annual Conference

“Cyber Liability & Privacy: Cyber Security Matters” for 2019 Atlantic Insurance Seminar

“Cyber Liability & Privacy” for 2019 Atlantic University Seminar

“Medical Documentation & Litigation” for Patient Safety Seminars for various Regional Health Authorities

Regular presenter at annual Newfoundland and Labrador and Regional Insurance Day Seminars

“ATIPPA Primer”, for municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador

“Managing Privacy Breaches”, for Canadian Corporate Counsel Association members, Newfoundland and Labrador