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Paula Lombardi is a partner at Siskinds LLP and has a diverse regulatory practice providing advice and representation in the areas of environmental, municipal/planning, regulatory and administrative law.

Education
Western University, LL.B
Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, B.A.A.
Urban and Regional Planning and Post-Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management and Engineering

Called to the Bar in 2002

About

Paula Lombardi is a partner at Siskinds LLP and has a diverse regulatory practice providing advice and representation in the areas of environmental, municipal/planning, and administrative law to both public and private sector clients.

Paula is committed and dedicated to obtaining the best results for her public and private sector clients, whether large or small. Relying on her extensive experience, Paula provides strategic support to her clients from negotiating and preparing complex agreements, risk management to litigation and Tribunal appearances. Paula has represented both private and public sector clients in intricate municipal law, land use planning, development and administrative law matters. Paula regularly drafts and negotiates a wide range of agreements for her clients including site plans, sharing of services, cost-sharing, joint-use, subdivision, vacant land condominium, among others. She has been involved in complex agreements relating to the sharing of services, access, memorandums of understanding, donation agreements and project agreements. Paula also provides advice on Board Governance, conflicts of interest, and preparing, responding to, and evaluating compliance with RFPs, tenders, and RFQs.

Paula has a great deal of experience in providing strategic and practical advice on environmental liabilities and deal structures, contamination issues, handling of hazardous wastes, development applications, litigation matters, environmental compliance, environmental aspects of agreements of purchase and sale and indemnifications, transactional due diligence and compliance, regulatory compliance and assists clients in navigating the permit and approvals process.

Paula successfully defends clients charged with environmental and regulatory offences under federal and provincial legislation, appeals before the Environmental Review Tribunal, and defends and prosecutes environmental litigation claims before all levels of the Ontario Courts. Paula also regularly gives advice and represents clients in connection with planning and development applications, expropriation proceedings, development charges, settlement boundary disputes and appeals to the

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Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. Paula has represented clients at all levels of the Ontario Courts on actions, applications, judicial reviews and appeals.

Paula gained a great deal of experience in large infrastructure projects working in-house for an international crossing, and was responsible for all Canadian legal and business matters relating to the import and export of goods, transportation of hazardous materials, remediation of Canadian (and CERCLA) sites, procurement of goods and services, construction of large infrastructure projects, regulatory compliance, NAFTA matters, and preparation of environmental assessments in both the United States' and Canada.

Memberships and Associations

- Articling Committee, Siskinds LLP
- Western Law Advisory Council, Member, Fall 2020 – present
- Member of Executive, Environmental Law Section Canadian Bar Association (Ontario), 2018 – present
- Middlesex Law Association, Member
- Canadian and Ontario Bar Associations, Member
- Professional Women's Symposium Association 2005 – 2010
- Women's Law Association of Ontario 2004 – 2013
- Member of Law Society of Upper Canada in good standing 2002 – present
- Unity Project Board of Directors 2006 - 2009 and 2011 - present

Awards and Recognition

From 2019 to 2026, Paula has been named to the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Paula Lombardi has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* in 2022 to 2027.

Academic/Teaching

- Instructor, Environmental Law, Western University Law School, 2017 – Present
- Instructor, Sustainability and Compliance, Fanshawe College 2013

Publication and Speaking

- Panel speaker, Ontario Legal Conference: Municipal, Planning & Environmental Law program Ontario Bar Association, February 2023
- Speaker, Legal Update on Environmental Law in Canada Thomson Reuters, February 2022
- Panelist, London Home Builders' Association conference breakfast, June 2019
- Program chair, Environmental Contamination for the Transactional Lawyer: A Way Through the Maze Ontario Bar Association, May, 2018

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Community Involvement

- Board of Directors, Unity Project, 2006-2009 and 2011-present
- President, SARI Therapeutic Riding, Board of Directors, 2011 – 2014
  SARI provides specialized horse back riding programs for people with special needs. The majority of the participants in SARI are children and youth. The riders receive the physical, mental and emotional benefits of therapy while building relationships with the volunteers and horse who partner with them.
- Vice – Chair, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal, 2009 – 1029
  Appointed member of tribunal that hears and decides appeals concerning matters in the agriculture and food industry. The tribunal consist of: Board of Negotiation (under the Environmental Protection Act); Crop Insurance Appeal Board; Farm Organizations Accreditation Tribunal; Farm Products Appeal Tribunal; Ontario Drainage Tribunal.
- Professional Women's Symposium Association, 2005 – 2010
- Women's Law Association of Ontario, 2004 – present
- Member of Law Society of Upper Canada in good standing, 2002 – present

In The News

Paula has appeared in the following news articles, segments, and publications:

- September 11, 2026 - "Kincardine clarifies reason to close Bluewater Trailer Park". Paula was quoted in a Windsor News Today article on Kincardine's decision to close Bluewater Trailer Park.