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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, 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 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 the Ontario Court. Paula also regularly represents clients in connection with planning applications, expropriation proceedings and appeals to the 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 working in-house for over two years for the Canadian Transit Company, owner and operator of the Ambassador Bridge, 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, construction of large infrastructure projects, regulatory compliance, NAFTA matters, and preparation of environmental assessments in both the United States' and Canada.

Memberships and Associations

- The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Environmental Law, 2019 – 2020
- Member of Executive, Environmental Law Section Canadian Bar Association (Ontario), 2018 – 2020
- 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



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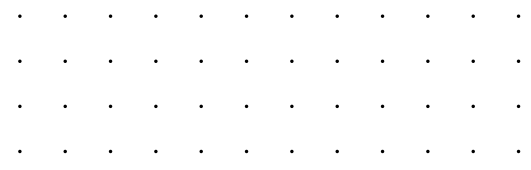
Publication and Speaking

Academic

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

Articles

- OBA Newsletter, “Approvals from Federal Authorities May Not Protect Against Charges under Provincial Environmental Laws” April 2020
- OBA Newsletter, “The Aftermath of Mikisew Cree First Nation – Cancellation of Ontario’s Cap and Trade” December 2018
- January 2008 Application of PS 3150 and Implications for Local Governments– Public Sector Digest
- October 2007 Supervisors and Safety the New Standard – Public Sector Digest
- August / September 2007 Building a New Bridge – The Ambassador Bridge Environmental Assessment – Public Sector Digest
- July 2007 Environmental Penalties–Public Sector Digest
- April 2007 Alternative Energy Sources– Public Sector Digest Inc., Spring 2007 Issue
- February 2007 Spills and How to React – Public Sector Digest Inc.
- December 2006 Municipalities – Duty to be Fair – Public Sector Digest Inc.
- November 2006 Ongoing Issues Surrounding the Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites – Public Sector Digest Inc.
- September 2006 What is WHMIS – Definitions and Responsibilities, Public Sector Digest Inc.
- August 2006 Providing Safe Drinking Water – The New Regulatory Environment, Summer Issue, Public Sector Digest Inc.
- October 2005 The Holding of Contaminated Land by a Trustee – Risks & Obligations, Vol. 24, Number 4, Estates, Trusts & Pensions Journal
- August / September 2005 Spills Bill’ Impact on Municipalities, Fall Issue, Public Sector Digest Inc.
- June 2005 Dealing with Contaminated Land, CCH’s Ontario Real Estate Law Developments
- June 2005 Municipal Act Restrictions on Bonusing, Spring Issue, Public Sector Digest Inc.
- May 2005 Bill 133, Directors and Officers Liability, Lang Michener Brief
- March 2005 Dealing with Contaminated Land the New Brownfields Legislation, Lang Michener Real Estate Brief
- Fall Issue 2004 Legal Briefs, Dream Home Worthless, Canadian Abatement & Restoration Report
- September 2004 Municipalities Getting Creative with Brownfields Clean-up, Municipal World



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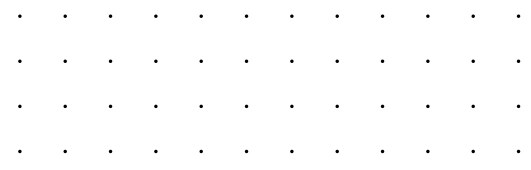
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Paula is also an active contributor to the Siskinds blog, found at www.siskinds.com/envirolaw/blog/. Some of her articles include:

- “Environmental Approvals – Failure to Register EASR”
- “Climate Change Alters Municipal Role and Responsibilities”
- “Changes to Hazardous Waste Movement”

Speaking Engagements

- The Canadian Institute, “Liability and Non-Compliance following Environmental Reporting Suspension” June 2020
- Ontario Bar Association “Stigma Damages – Where are we now?” December 2019
- London Home Builders’ Association “Update on Bill 108 – Housing Supply Action Plan”, June 2019
- Law Society of Ontario “Six Minute Environmental Lawyer 2018 – Section 18 Orders an Overview” October 2018
- September 2014 OACA Workshop Environmental Issues in Land Severance Applications and Obligations of Municipalities
- June 2014 Siskinds Labour & Employment Conference Director and Officer Liability
- January – December 2013 Series of 4 Workshops with Pinchin Environmental dealing with Contaminated Sites and regulatory requirements
- Ontario Bar Association, “Spills – Responsibilities and Duties” May 23, 2012
- Ontario Bar Association, “Commercial Leasing – Potential Environmental Issues” December 2011
- Ontario Bar Association “Environmental Assessment of an International Border Crossing” June 2011
- March 2007 – 2009 Due Diligence Workshop for Professional Applicators and Managers – OMAFRA, Guelph Turfgrass Institute
- February 2007 Environmental Due Diligence for International Transactions – Fanshawe College, International Business Program
- February 2007 Occupational Health and Safety – The Role of Supervisors, OHS Management, Post-Diploma Program, University of Western Ontario
- October 2006 WHMIS – What you need to know, Siskinds Labour and Employment Law Conference
- February 2006 Supervisors and Safety, OHS Roles & Responsibilities, Employer Advocacy Council Training Session
- July 2005 Tackling Environmental Issues in Commercial Real Estate Deals, 4th Annual Law Clerks Forum, Advanced Litigation and Commercial Real Estate Law
- April 2005 Brownfields and More, Lang Michener 5 o’clock Lecture Series
- November 2004 Opportunities for Brownfield Site Development, Legal Aspects, Golder Associates Ltd.
- October 2004 Hazardous Materials, Toronto Construction Association



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- September 2004 Controlling the Risk of Mould During Construction, Toronto Construction Association
- February 2004 Fundamentals of Environmental Law, The Canadian Institute
- November 2003 Volunteer Firefighters, Ontario Municipalities Association

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Unity Project, 2020 – to 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 – present
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