

## Rasha El-Tawil

Partner - Personal Injury

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Rasha takes great pride in her ability to help her clients achieve the results they seek, while also being cognizant of the emotional support required to truly help them heal. Rasha is a recognized leader within and outside Siskinds.

Rasha has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* in 2022 to 2024, and was recognized as a recipient of the London Inc. "Top 20 Under 40 Award" in 2020.

She is well-versed in all areas of personal injury law and represented clients in all levels of court and tribunals. Rasha's practice also includes appellate litigation. Rasha is a native Londoner who also speaks Arabic.

### Education

Western University, LL.B. 2007

Western University, B.A. Hons Political Science & Philosophy 2004

Called to the Bar in 2008

### About

Rasha El-Tawil is a partner in the personal injury law group. Rasha assists injured individuals and their families in all aspects of serious injury claims or fatalities with a focus on catastrophic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and orthopedic injuries. Rasha and her team are dedicated to achieving the best results for her clients, inside and outside the courtroom. She is successful in obtaining settlements for her clients. When a claim cannot be settled, she is not afraid to take insurers on in the courtroom. Rasha has successfully represented clients at all levels of court in Ontario including the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario Court of Appeal, as well as administrative tribunals including the License Appeals Tribunal (LAT) and the CPP Appeals Tribunal. Her clients' testimonials and referrals speak for themselves.

Rasha's practice also includes civil litigation with a special interest in appeals work. Rasha has successfully argued appeals at the Divisional Court and Court of Appeal for Ontario. She has also been counsel on applications for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Rasha obtained a Bachelor of Arts, Honors Political Science & Philosophy from Western University in 2004. Upon graduation, she received the Gold Medal for having achieved the highest overall average in that program. Rasha graduated from Western University's Faculty of Law in 2007. Prior to obtaining her law degree, Rasha completed international human rights, humanitarian & international law courses at the National University of Ireland. She worked at Community Legal Services from 2004-2007, providing legal representation in areas of civil, administrative, and criminal law. Rasha completed her articles with Siskinds and was called to the Bar in 2008.



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Rasha is committed to advancing equity issues within and outside the firm, and leads the firm's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee in addition to her involvement and leadership in several other committees.

She is involved in the legal community, with leadership roles at the Middlesex Law Association as the Bench and Bar representative, and the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association.

Rasha is a native Londoner, a Muslim, and speaks Arabic.

### Other Languages

Arabic

### Awards and Recognition

- Rasha has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* in 2022 to 2024.
- Top 20 under 40 Award, 2020, London Inc.: 20 Under 40: Rasha El-Tawil | London Inc Magazine

### Teaching

- Part time adjunct professor at Western University Law School – teaching the Capstone in Civil Litigation in 2021/2022.
- Past Instructor at Fanshawe College, Advanced Civil Litigation, Law Clerks Program.
- Guest Lecturer at Western University Law School

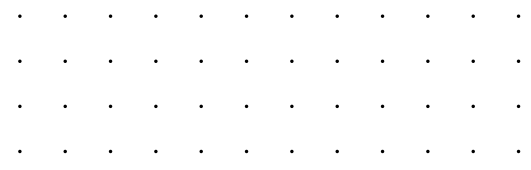
### Memberships and Associations

- Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Committee Member
- Middlesex Law Association, Trustee
- Bench and Bar Representative - London
- Ontario Bar Association, Member
- Advocates Society, Member
- Law Society of Ontario, Member
- GROWL (Group of Racialized Ontario Women Litigators)

### Notable Work and Decisions

Rasha has been successful in obtaining large Jury awards for her clients, including an award in excess of \$3,000,000.00. Some of Rasha's other notable work and decisions include:

- Purcell v Van Pelt, 2021 – striking jury notice
- Tuffnail v Meekes et al., 2020 ONCA 390, 2017 ONSC 2894; 2017 ONSC 2751; 2017 ONSC 4610



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- Hengeveld v. Ontario et al., 2017 ONSC 6300
- Reddecopp v. Daniels, 2017 ONSC 1726
- Jazey v State Farm, Decision of Delegate Blackman dated July 29, 2016
- Dickerson v 1610396 Ontario Inc. (Carey's Pub & Grill), 2013 ONCA 653 (CanLII) — Court of Appeal for Ontario
- Fakh v Palmer Homes Inc, 2013 CanLII 76930 (ON SC SM) — Small Claims Court — Ontario
- Rollins v English Language Separate District School Board #39, 2012 ONCA 104 (CanLII) — Court of Appeal for Ontario
- Dickerson v 1610396 Ontario Inc. (Carey's Pub & Grill), 2010 ONCA 894 (CanLII) — Court of Appeal for Ontario
- Decision No. 2018/09,2009 ONWSIAT 2851 (CanLII) — Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal
- Good Life Corporation v Hazeldean Properties Inc., 2008 ONCA 742 (CanLII) — Court of Appeal for Ontario

### Publication and Speaking

- Speaker – Ontario Trial Lawyers Association
- Panel Chair – Women's Roundtable - Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, 2018
- Publication – "Current State of the Law on Commercial Host Liability" Litigator, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, June 2018
- Speaker – Life Care Plans - Annual Rehab & Life Care Planning Symposium, 2018
- Speaker – Ontario Rehab Alliance workshop: "Life after Near-Death: Creative & Conscientious Benefits Management Post-June 1st" – May 11, 2016
- Presenter – Mock Trial Presentation at the 4th Annual Rehab & Life Care Planning Symposium – April 21, 2016
- Speaker – Brokers' Negligence and Optional Accident Benefits – April 2016 • Speaker – Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure for Experts - 2009
- Annual Middlesex Law Association Personal Injury Conference – "A Case comment on McLeod v. General Motors" December 2014, Speaker
- Speaker at OTLA Spring Conference, May 2011 - "Helpful Cases and Pointers for Income Replacement Benefits"
- "A Case Comment on R. v Abbey", Rasha M. El-Tawil & Emily K. Foreman, Straight from the Bench conference, Middlesex Law Association, April 22, 2010
- Speaker – Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure for Experts - 2009