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Biography

Kathryn is a fearless and compassionate advocate, understanding her role as a voice for her clients during the most difficult and stressful time of their lives. A litigation lawyer working in Halifax, Kathryn's practice focuses on a wide range of criminal and quasi-criminal litigation, as well as select administrative and regulatory litigation.

Kathryn is an experienced criminal defence lawyer, representing clients accused of crimes including sexual offences, impaired driving, fraud, weapons offences, assault, break and enter, and drug offences. She handles appeals from criminal convictions, traffic tickets under the Motor Vehicle Act, and represents individuals involved in peace bond applications. She has a flourishing practice representing respondent students during investigations and appeals in post-secondary institution complaints proceedings. Kathryn also assists complainants in navigating the criminal justice system.

Prior to joining Patterson, Kathryn worked at a large corporate law firm in Toronto. She brings that experience to the table when representing clients dealing with civil suits, including contract litigation and commercial disputes.

Experience

- Has experience defending people charged with various criminal offences, including sexual assault, violent assault, DUIs, criminal harassment, break and enter, and fraud
- Has represented individuals in peace bond applications
- Has experience representing people who wish to challenge tickets for MVA offences
- Has represented complainants in the domestic assault context by helping them navigate the criminal justice system
- Has experience representing students in the university complaints process who are accused of university policy violations, including but not limited to sexual violence and harassment

Areas of Law

Criminal Defence
Administrative Law
Appeals and Judicial Reviews
Municipal Law

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Recognition

- Best Direct Examination in McKelvey Cup Competition, 2016

Associations and Memberships

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Member of the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association

Community Involvement

- Committee member on the CBANS Working Group addressing sexual harassment in legal workplaces
- Participant at an international conference for the IMPACTS project addressing sexual violence at post-secondary institutions
- Director of Programming on the Board of Directors for Fusion Halifax
- Pro-bono volunteer with the Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia, 2013-2014

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Spoke as expert panelist with Possibility Seeds in the development of a report for use by policy makers in addressing gender-based violence in post-secondary institutions across Canada
- Published in Possibility Seeds' report as a representative of respondents' interests in university proceedings

Education and Bar Admissions

- Bar Admission: Nova Scotia, 2017
- Bar Admission: Ontario, 2017
- J.D. (Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, 2016)
- B.Sc. Honours, Forensic Science (Laurentian University, 2013)