

Partner

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Linda Rothstein is recognized as one of Canada's most accomplished litigators and advocates, with a practice spanning class actions and commercial litigation, professional regulation and administrative law, appeals, and more. In 2021, she was awarded the Advocates' Society Medal – the highest expression of esteem which the Society can convey to one of its members. She often works with other law firms to resolve internal disputes, and has acted as counsel on countless high-profile cases and public inquiries, including the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology. Linda is frequently engaged as a mediator and arbitrator in a range of disputes.

Linda has earned several other accolades throughout her career, and has been awarded the Toronto Lawyers Association Award of Distinction, and the Ontario Bar Association Award of Excellence in Civil Litigation. She has served in board and leadership roles at such professional organizations as the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, The Law Society of Upper Canada, and The Advocates' Society.

## Education

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, LL.B.,

1980

## **Bar Admissions**

Ontario, 1982

## **Professional Affiliations**

American College of Trial Lawyers: Fellow  
(2002 to Present)

Litigation Counsel of America: Fellow (2011  
to Present)

Public Health Ontario Board of Directors:  
Acting Chair (June 2019 to November  
2021); Vice-Chair (2017 to Present);  
Member (2014 to 2016)

The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal  
History: Director (2015 to Present)

The Advocates' Society: President (2005 to  
2006); First Vice-President (2004 to  
2005); Treasurer (2003 to 2004); Vice-  
Chair, Standing Committee on Collegiality,  
Mentoring Membership (2003 to 2004);  
Board of Directors (1998 to 2003); Vice-  
Chair, Education Committee (2000 to  
2002); Chair, Professional Conduct  
Committee (1998 to 1999); Faculty Member,  
The Advocates' Society Institute, Faculty  
Training Program (1993 to 1998)

International Academy of Trial Lawyers:  
Fellow (2012 to Present); Member of Board  
of Directors (2012 to 2018)

Law Foundation of Ontario Board of  
Trustees: Chair (2016 to Present); Member  
(2014 to 2015)

Harold G. Fox Education Fund Board of  
Trustees: Member (2013 to Present)

The Law Society of Upper Canada: Toronto  
Regional Benchers (2007 to 2015); Vice-  
Chair, Hearing Division, Law Society  
Tribunal (2013 to 2015); Co-Chair,  
Mentoring and Advisory Services Proposal  
Task Force (2014); Co-Chair, Tribunal  
Committee (2010 to 2011); Vice-Chair,  
Finance Committee (2010-2011); Vice-  
Chair, Appeal Panel (2011); Chair,  
Professional Regulation Committee (2008  
to 2010)

Law Society Compensation Fund: Referee  
(Adjudicator) (1994 to 2000)

## Paliare Roland

Intensive Trial Advocacy Course, Osgoode Hall Law School: Instructor and Team Leader (for practicing lawyers) (1988 to 2001)

The Law Society of Upper Canada, Bar Admission Course in Civil Litigation and Trial Advocacy: Instructor (for bar admission students) (1987 to 1990)

Osgoode Hall Law School: Lecturer and Instructor in Trial Advocacy (for law students) (1989 to 1994)

## Practice Areas

Appeals and Judicial Review

Bet-the-Company Litigation

Class Actions

Commercial Litigation

Constitutional Litigation

Defamation, Libel and Slander

Employment Law

Human Rights

Judicial Inquiries and Inquests

Mediation and Arbitration

Professional Discipline and Regulation

Public and Administrative Law

Universities

# Awards and Honours

Lexpert Special Edition on Litigation - Recognized as a leader in Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Litigation - Regulatory & Public Law, Class Actions - 2023

Chambers Canada - Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Plaintiff) Nationwide – Canada, Litigation - Administrative & Public Law Ontario

Best Lawyers in Canada 2024 - Administrative and Public Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Class Action Litigation, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Labour and Employment Law

Benchmark Litigation - Top 100 Women in Canadian Litigation - 2023

Benchmark Litigation - Top 100 Women in Canadian Litigation, Litigation Star - 2022

The Advocates' Society - The Advocates' Society Medal - 2021

Benchmark Litigation - Top 50 Women in Litigation

Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada - Since 2015

Benchmark Litigation - Litigation Star. Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada

— [Chambers and Legal 500 Canada](#) — [Lexpert/American Lawyer](#) — [Report on Business](#) — [Globe and Mail](#) — [Who's Who Legal](#) — [Best Lawyers](#) — [Ontario Bar Association](#) — [University of Toronto](#) — [University of Calgary](#) — [Toronto Lawyers' Association](#) — [Law Society of Ontario](#)

Chambers Global - Dispute Resolution: Litigation - Canada, Litigation: Administrative & Public Law, Dispute Resolution: Class Actions (Plaintiff)

Legal 500 Canada - Leading Lawyer - Dispute Resolution

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory - Most Frequently Recommended - Employee Law - Employee, Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Litigation - Regulatory & Public Law

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory - Consistently Recommended - Class Actions

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory - Repeatedly Recommended - Workplace Human Rights - Employer

Who's Who Legal Canada - Thought Leader, Recommended Global Leader and Recommended National Leader in Litigation

Best Lawyers - Administrative and Public Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Class Litigation, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Labour and Employment Law

Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers

Ontario Bar Association - Award of Excellence in Civil Litigation - 2018

Globe and Mail's Lexpert/Report on Business Magazine - Leading Litigation Lawyer - 2015, 2018

Best Lawyers in Canada - Lawyer of the Year - Labour and Employment Law - 2014, 2017

Best Lawyers in Canada - Lawyer of the Year - Administrative and Public Law - 2012, 2013, 2016

University of Toronto - Distinguished Alumnus Award - 2014

Lexpert Zenith Award - 2013

University of Calgary - Milvain Lecturer on Advocacy - 2010

Toronto Lawyers' Association - Award of Distinction - 2008

Law Society of Ontario - Law Society Medal - 2005

## Representative Work

Linda has a diverse practice, encompassing many areas of civil and administrative litigation, with particular expertise in class actions, commercial litigation, professional liability, public law and appeals.

Lead counsel to the Motherisk Hair Analysis Independent Review – 2015 to 2016

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Commission Counsel to the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario (the Goudge Inquiry) – 2007 to 2008

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Lead counsel for the City of Toronto in the Computer Leasing Inquiry – 2002 to 2005

## Publications

Co-author – *Lawyers' Professional Liability*, 3rd ed. – LexisNexis Canada – 2013 (with S. Grant and S. Campbell)

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Co-chair – *Modern Law of Damages* – Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures – April 2005

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*Balancing Probabilities: The Overlooked Complexity of the Civil Standard of Proof* – Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures – April 2003

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Co-author – *Disposition without Trial: A Review of the Application of Ontario's Rule 20 and 21* – National Annual Review on Civil Litigation 2001, M.G. Cochrane and Justice T. Archibald, eds. (Carswell, 2001), pp. 69-81 (with Megan Shortreed)

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Co-authored – *Professional Liability* (ch. 9) – in D. Lundy, G. MacKenzie and M. Newbury, *Barristers & Solicitors in Practice* Butterworths – 1998 (with S. Grant)

## Presentations

The Advocates' Society podcast, May 2021

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Co-chair – *Modern Law of Damages* – Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures – April 2005

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*Balancing Probabilities: The Overlooked Complexity of the Civil Standard of Proof* – Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures – April 2003