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EDUCATION

McGill University, BSc, 1989, with honours

University of Toronto, LLB, 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ontario, 1995

Julia Schatz has broad experience in a wide variety of commercial litigation and arbitration matters including, class actions, contractual interpretations, litigation related to the agribusiness sector, pesticide data compensation negotiations and arbitrations, environmental, construction and real estate disputes.

She has appeared before all levels of court and various administrative tribunals as well as in arbitration proceedings. In her early career she was co-counsel for a group of physicians at the Krever Inquiry into the Blood System in Canada and represented the Ontario Hospital Association at a widely publicized Coroner's inquest into the state of Ontario's hospital emergency rooms.

Environmental

Julia has particular expertise in environmental litigation and renewable energy. She has acted as lead counsel on behalf of owners, previous owners, neighbours and environmental consultants in contract, nuisance, s. 99 *EPA* and negligence claims related to contaminated sites and has advised clients on issues arising in relation to renewable projects, including under Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) contracts.

Pesticides and Agribusiness

Julia has specific expertise in pesticide registration and regulation, having advised pesticide manufacturers and distributors, about the federal and provincial legislation and regulations governing the registration and sale of pesticide products in Canada with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency, compliance matters, licencing and permit obligations and data compensation issues. Julia has also helped draft data compensation, supply, distribution, settlement, formulating, repackaging and other agreements for clients, and has assisted with final offer arbitrations on behalf of companies under the PPIP regime. Julia has also assisted clients with what constitutes a normal farm practice under the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act*. In addition, she has experience advising clients on the registration and licence/permit requirements for fertilizers and with respect to food supply and distribution agreements.

Construction

Julia has strong experience in construction project disputes under CCDC 2 contracts and other contractual arrangements, including P3 arrangements. She advises owners, developers, project managers, contractors and subcontractors regarding their rights and obligations on deficiency, delay, project management and cost over-run claims, including with respect to condominium developments, and under the *Construction Act*.

Real Estate Litigation

Julia's real estate-related litigation expertise extends to advising and litigating disputes regarding the escheat of forfeited property to the federal or provincial Crown, contaminated property claims, easements, restrictive covenants, cautions and certificates of pending litigation, ground rent arbitrations, issues arising in relation to agreements of purchase and sale and land transfer tax appeals. In addition, she has assisted both landlords and tenants in leasing disputes.

Memberships

Julia is a member of the Advocates' Society and the Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers' Association. She is also a member of Toronto CREW (Canadian Real Estate Women), and a member of the American Bar Association. She is a member of the American Agricultural Law Association and Women in Agribusiness. She was a long-standing executive member of the Ontario Bar Association's Environmental Law Section. A regular contributor to the Ontario Bar Association's *Environews* newsletter, Julie is a frequent speaker at professional conferences on a variety of topics including environmental litigation.