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**ACADEMIC PROFILE:**

***Cambridge University (England)***

**October 2003 – June 2004**

- Obtained Master of Laws (LL.M.) with first class honors from Cambridge University
- Earned specialty designation in Commercial Law
- Successfully completed the following courses: International Commercial Litigation, International Sales, Comparative Law, The Law of Restitution

***Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto)***

**September 1999 – April 2002**

- Obtained Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from Osgoode Hall Law School, graduating first in a class of approximately 280 students
- Maintained a high A+ average over three years of law school (cumulative grade point average of 8.73/9)
- Participated in exchange program at the University of Bologna, specializing in Italian Comparative Law (January 2001 – May 2001)

***York University, Faculty of Arts (Toronto)***

**September 1996 – April 1999**

- Awarded Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science (with distinction) from York University
- Maintained an A+ average over three years of undergraduate studies (cumulative grade point average of 8.5/9)
- Named to the Dean's Sessional Academic List (1997, 1998, 1999) and the Master's Honor Roll (1999)

**AWARDS, PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

***2003-2004***

- Foundation Scholarship from Cambridge University for first class standing
- Queens' College Prize for first class standing in the LL.M. degree
- Commonwealth Scholarship for LL.M. studies in the United Kingdom (full scholarship)
- Mackenzie King Traveling Scholarship
- The Right Honorable Paul Martin Scholarship to Cambridge University (declined)

***2002***

- Gold Medal for the student standing first in the graduating class of Osgoode Hall Law School
- George Graham Sinclair Memorial Prize

- Davies, Ward, Phillips and Vineberg LLP Prize for outstanding achievement in Commercial Law, Business Associations Law and Taxation Law

### ***2001***

- McCarthy Tétrault Prize for the student standing second in second year of Osgoode Hall Law School
- York University Faculty Association (YUFA) scholarship for the student with the highest cumulative standing in second year
- Harley D. Hallett Renewable Entrance Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School
- Helen Kinnear Prize for highest standing in Family Law
- Scotiabank Group Prize for highest standing in the Law of Estates

### ***2000***

- McCarthy Tétrault Prize for the student standing first in the first year of the LL.B. program at Osgoode Hall Law School
- Carswell Prize for the student achieving the highest standing in the first year of the LL.B. program at Osgoode Hall Law School
- Harley D. Hallett Renewable Entrance Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School
- Fogler, Rubinoff Prize for highest standing in Property Law
- McMillan Binch Prize for highest standing in Contract Law
- Paroian, Raphael Prize for highest standing in Tort Law
- Harry R. Rose Prize for highest standing in Criminal Law
- Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association Scholarship

### ***1997-1999***

- Harley D. Hallett Renewable Entrance Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School
- York University Renewable President's Scholarship
- York University Faculty Association (YUFA) Scholarship
- Carl E. Smith Prize for outstanding achievement in Political Science

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Faculty of Law, Roger Williams University**

**July 2009- present**

***Associate Professor***

- **Teaching subjects:** Contracts I and II, upper year elective seminar.

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

- **Teaching:**
  - Recipient of Queen's Law Students' Society Award for Excellence in Teaching (2009).
  - Subjects taught: Conflict of Laws, Civil Procedure, Commercial law (2007 and 2008 Academic Year).
  - Scored an average of 4.4/5 for teaching effectiveness on student evaluations (faculty average of 4.0/5).
  - Scored an average of 4.4/5 for both organization and clarity on student evaluations (faculty average of 3.8 and 3.9 respectively).
  
- **Law School Contributions:**
  - Supervisor for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot held in Vienna, Austria (2007-2008 and 2008-2009). The 2007-2008 team ranked 24<sup>th</sup> out of 204 law schools in initial elimination rounds. Two out of three Queen's Oralists earned Honorable Mentions.
  - Chair, Subcommittee on Mature Student Admissions (2007-2008, 2008-2009).
  - Supervised three Independent Study Projects on Class Actions.
  - Anonymous reviewer for peer-reviewed journals.
  - Participant in Queen's Law Student Fundraisers.
  
- **Professional Activities:**
  - Member of Ontario Law Reform Commission's Working Group of Specialists in Private International Law that prepared report on the codification of judicial jurisdiction in Ontario (<http://www.lco-cdo.org/fr/jurisdictionconsultation.html>).
  - Member of Organizing Committee, Ontario Chief Justice Advisory Committee's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium on Professionalism.

**Purdue Pharma L.P.**

Jan. 2005 – June 2007

*Associate Attorney*

- Responsibilities included: legal research on a variety of issues related to the defense of OxyContin and other products liability litigation; drafting motions and trial/appellate briefs; reviewing and editing work product of outside counsel; participating in the coordination of defense strategy; preparing for and attending depositions; coordinating internal response to third party subpoenas.

**University of Cambridge**

Sept. 2004 – Dec. 2004

*Research Assistant to Richard Fentiman, Professor of Private International Law, Queens' College*

- Responsibilities included: researching Articles 27 – 30 of the Brussels I Regulation; researching Australian, Canadian and American law on *forum non conveniens* and anti-suit injunctions.

**Supreme Court of Canada**

**July 2002 – July 2003**

*Law Clerk to the Honorable Justice Frank Iacobucci*

- Responsibilities included: writing bench memoranda; preparing comments on draft judgments; assisting in the writing of speeches and publications; researching various points of law.

**Sullivan & Cromwell LLP**

**June 2002 – July 2002**

*Summer Associate (London, England)*

- Responsibilities included: researching and preparing materials for firm presentation on corporate governance; performing various research tasks related to the intersection between European and American law.

**Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP**

**May 2001 – August 2001**

*Summer Associate (New York, New York)*

- Responsibilities included: researching and writing articles for publication; preparing speeches and presentations; writing legal memoranda.

**Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP**

**May 2000 – August 2000**

*Summer Law Student (Toronto, Ontario)*

- Responsibilities included: drafting corporate agreements; researching and reporting to lawyers on various points of law; communicating with clients and opposing counsel; attending examinations for discovery; compiling a reference manual of pharmaceutical legislation.

**SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:**

- “Personal Jurisdiction Over Non-Resident Plaintiffs in Multi-Jurisdictional Class Actions: Have We Gone Down the Wrong Road?” 45 *Tex. Int’l L. J.* \_\_\_ (2009)(forthcoming).
- “*Lépine v. Canada Post*: Ironing Out the Wrinkles in the Inter-provincial Enforcement of Class Judgments,” 34 *The Advocates’ Quarterly* 499 (2008).
- “A Real and Substantial Mess: The Law of Jurisdiction in Canada,” 33 *Queen’s Law Journal* 179 (2007).

- “Foreign Judgments At Common Law: Rethinking the Enforcement Rules,” 28 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 163 (2005).
- “Nothing Comes of Nothing...Or Does it? A Critical Re-Examination of the Doctrine of Separability in American Arbitration,” 12 *American Review of International Arbitration* 223 (2001).
- “A Win-Win Proposition: The Viability of a Rule 23(B)(1)(b) Class Action in the American Mass Tort Context,” published as part of the conference materials for the *Canadian National Symposium on Class Actions*, Osgoode Hall Professional Development Program, Sept. 2002; an abridged version of the article was published in *Class Action: a journal devoted to class proceedings, procedure and legislation*, Vol. I, No. 3, 2002.

### **CONFERENCES:**

- Attendee, Canadian Class Action Conference, Toronto (2007) and Junior Scholars Conference, Montreal (2008).
- Presenter, “Punitive Damages and American Class Actions,” Canadian National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall Professional Development Program, Toronto (2002).

### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

- New York (2006)

### **LANGUAGES:**

- French (university level), Italian (conversational)