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Richard brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in diverse areas of law to managing and solving legal problems for clients.

He is the lawyer that other lawyers consult with when faced with their most difficult legal challenges. He brings a keen analytical approach to the resolution of the complex factual and legal problems, in both the private law and public law spheres. Regardless of the nature of the issue, Richard has an appreciation for the fundamental need for practical and workable client-centered outcomes whether that solution is arrived at through litigation or negotiation.

Representative Work

- Richard has a diverse litigation practice. He has extensive experience in complex and large scale commercial and civil litigation, including class actions.
- He was part of the Class counsel team in the recent Manulife class action trial.
- He is a senior practitioner in the electricity regulation field, and appears regularly before the Ontario Energy Board and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.
- He has a significant executive employment law practice, specializing in restrictive covenants and change of control agreements.

Publications/Presentations

Richard has spoken on numerous occasions to groups regarding developments in the electricity sector in Ontario. He has frequently served as an instructor in a variety of advocacy skills programs, including the Osgoode Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

Education:

Osgoode Hall Law School,
LL.B., 1986

University of Toronto, B.A.,
Economics and History, 1983

Bar Admissions:

Ontario, 1988

Professional Affiliations:

Ontario Bar Association
The Advocates' Society

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Speaking Engagements

- “Ethical Issues in Arbitration Advocacy,” Panel Discussion – Arbitration Advocacy Forum, The Advocates Society, February 2012
- CLE 9th Annual National Forum Administrative Law and Practice: Duty to Give Reasons, Osgoode Hall Law School, October 2011
- Current Issues in Tribunal Adjudication: An Update for Advocates and Members, Ontario Bar Association, March 2011
- LSUC Six Minute Administrative Lawyer, February 2011
- Canadian Energy Law Forum, April 2007
- “Police Political Activity: A Legal Perspective”, Canadian Professional Police Association Conference, June 2004

Speaker/Paper

- Osgoode Hall Law School Continuing Legal Education Conference on Crown Liability, June 2009
- University of Toronto Law School Summer Institute for Executive Legal Education, June 2009