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Jessica advises a wide variety of clients at every stage of the litigation process. She approaches

Education:

LawVision Group, 2017,
Legal Project Management
Osgoode Hall Law School,
J.D. 2015
London School of Economics,
Msc (Conflict Studies), 2009
University of King's College,
BA (Honours – International
Development Studies), 2008

Jessica's litigation practice encompasses employment law, professional discipline, commercial litigation and construction and project law.

Prior to joining Paliare Roland, Jessica honed her litigation skills at a prominent litigation firm in Toronto and as a clerk at

Jessica is active in her community. She was a long-time board member of West Scarborough Community Legal Services, a law

Bar Admissions:

Ontario, 2016

Jessica is currently a volunteer for Pro Bono Ontario.

Professional Affiliations:

The Advocates' Society
Canadian Bar Association
Ontario Bar Association

Representative Work

- **Abbasbayli v. Fiera Foods Company**, 2021 ONCA 95 – Counsel to the respondent employer in an appeal of a decision on a motion to strike in a wrongful termination action. The appeal clarified the law concerning director liability for unpaid wages.
- **Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Kunynetz**, 2019 ONSC 4300 – Counsel to the appellant physician in a successful appeal before the Divisional Court that overturned the revocation decision of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and reinstated the physician's licence to practice medicine.
- **Rutman v. Rabinowitz**, 2016 ONSC 5864 – Counsel to the successful respondent (plaintiff) in an appeal concerning Internet defamation. The Court of Appeal clarified the law of concerted action liability and upheld a very large damages awards for what it characterized as a prolonged, persistent and vicious Internet campaign.

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Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Pro Bono Ontario (2021 to present)
- Former Board Member and Chair of the Board, Sojourn House – one of Toronto’s largest refugee shelters and settlement agencies (2015-2021)
- Former Board Member and Vice President of West Scarborough Community Legal Services (2011-2017)

Publications/Presentations

- P E Veel, J S Roher & A Abdulla, “Rule 53: Evidence at Trial” in Noel Semple, ed, Civil Procedure and Practice in Ontario
- J S Roher, “Zoning Out Discrimination: Working Towards Housing Equality in Ontario” (March 2016) 25 Journal of Law
- N Dalla Guarda, M Khalid & J Roher, “Introduction: Symposium on Transnational Criminal Law” (September 2015) 6:1 Transnational Legal Theory 1.