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Neil is a partner of the firm and the Chair of both our Litigation Department and Health Professionals Group. Neil acts for both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of legal disputes including contracts, torts and employment law.

His practice is particularly focused on health law and he is one of the few lawyers certified by The Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Health Law. He is also certified by The Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Civil Litigation. This makes Neil one of only a handful of lawyers in Ontario who is a Certified Specialist in both health law and civil litigation.

Neil routinely represents physicians, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians and other regulated health professionals. He regularly defends clients in hearings before the Discipline Committees of the various Colleges regulating health professionals in Ontario, and appears on appeal before all levels of court. He has also acted for many medical staff associations and for physicians in numerous hospital privilege disputes.

Neil has been recognized by his peers in the 2021 edition of *Who's Who Legal* as a global leader in Healthcare Law and in *The 2021 Canadian Lexpert Directory* as a Leader in Professional Liability. He has also been listed in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* each year since 2017 and is on the Canadian Dental Protective Association's list of approved counsel.

Expertise

- ▶ Health Law
- ▶ Litigation

Awards & Recognition

- ▶ *The Canadian Lexpert Directory* - Leader in Professional Liability
- ▶ *Who's Who Legal* - Global Leader in Healthcare
- ▶ *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® - Health Law

Publications & Presentations

- ▶ Nov 10, 2021 | Presentation

A Fireside Chat About Dentistry Today: The Perspective of the RCDSO and That of the Defense
Speaker, Torkin Manes and the Canadian Dental Protective Association Webinar

- ▶ [Apr 20, 2021 | Presentation](#)
A Conversation About Dentistry Today: The Perspective of the Defense and That of the Professional Regulator
Speaker, Torkin Manes and the Ontario Alliance of Dentists Webinar
- ▶ [Dec 15, 2020 | Presentation](#)
Financial Management of Your Practice
Torkin Manes
- ▶ [Jun 29, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
Brave New World: A Lawyer's Suggestions for Dentists in the COVID-19 Era
Oral Health
- ▶ [Jun 10, 2020 | Presentation](#)
Emerging From the Crisis: Understanding the Impact on Health Law
Speaker, OBA Health Law Section
- ▶ [May 29, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
Dentistry in the COVID Era: How to Stay Safe and Stay in Practice
Oral Health
- ▶ [Apr 22, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
Being Deployed to the Front Lines of Health Care: What if I don't feel Safe or Competent?
- ▶ [Apr 17, 2019 | Presentation](#)
Regulation of Healthcare Professionals, Class Actions and Public Inquiries in Healthcare and Ethical Issues Including MAID and Cannabis
Faculty, The Osgoode Certificate in Health Law
- ▶ [Nov 16, 2017 | Presentation](#)
Complaints & Discipline - A Conversation Between the College & the Defense
Legal Issues Affecting Dentists Today, Torkin Manes Health Law Program
- ▶ [Sep 20, 2015 | Presentation](#)
A Prescription for the Legal Health of Your Pharmacy: ODB Audits and College Complaints/Discipline Hearings
Ontario Pharmacists Association's Third Party Audits and Regulatory Compliance Conference
- ▶ [May 14, 2014 | Article](#)
Judicial Review and Appeals from Administrative Decisions
(with Marshall Swadron) Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2014, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ [May 14, 2014 | Presentation](#)
Judicial Review and Appeals
Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2014, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ [May 14, 2014 | Presentation](#)
Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2014
Symposium Co-chair, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ [Mar 28, 2014 | Presentation](#)
Administrative Tribunal Advocacy Workshop 2014
Instructor, The Advocates Society
- ▶ [Oct 03, 2013 | Presentation](#)
Representing the Difficult Client
Hot Topics in Ethics for Administrative Lawyers, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ [May 23, 2013 | Presentation](#)
Administrative Tribunal Advocacy Workshop 2013
Instructor, The Advocates Society

- ▶ May 16, 2013 | Article
It's Perfectly Clear, Sort of: The Division of Powers and the Charter in Administrative Hearings
Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2013, Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ May 16, 2013 | Presentation
New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2013
Symposium Co-chair, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ May 16, 2013 | Presentation
Lawyer Regulation from Both Sides
Moderator, Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2013, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ Nov 02, 2012 | Presentation
The Sadness, the Madness and a Glimmer of Hope: Developments in the Investigatory and Disciplinary Powers of the RCDSO
Toronto Academy of Dentistry Winter Clinic 2012
- ▶ May 16, 2012 | Article
From Licensing to Discipline of Regulated Professionals: A Summary Update for 2012
(with Bernard LeBlanc) New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2012, Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ May 16, 2012 | Presentation
New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2012
Symposium Co-chair, Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ May 16, 2012 | Presentation
Working with Regulated Professionals
(with Bernard LeBlanc), New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2012, The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ Apr 25, 2012 | Presentation
Administrative Tribunal Advocacy Workshop 2012
Instructor, The Advocates Society
- ▶ Sep 22, 2011 | Presentation
Legislative Change: Understanding New College Powers and the College's New Approach to Complaints and Investigations
York Region Dental Society
- ▶ May 26, 2011 | Presentation
Critical Health Law Update: Coast to Coast
Panel Discussion, 2011 National Health Law Summit: Critical Issues in Health Law, Canadian Bar Association
- ▶ May 25, 2011 | Presentation
New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2011
Symposium Co-chair, Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ May 16, 2011 | Article
From Licensing to Discipline of Regulated Professionals: A Summary Update for 2011
(with Bernard LeBlanc) New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2011, Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ Oct 29, 2010 | Presentation
Health Law: The Year in Review
Ontario Bar Association 20th Annual Operation Update
- ▶ Oct 29, 2010 | Presentation
Judicial Policy-Making or Just Bad Facts? - Four Recent Health Law Cases in Review
Ontario Bar Association Conference - 20th Annual Operation Update, October 2010

- ▶ Mar 16, 2010 | Presentation
Understanding Professional Complaints Discipline Proceedings and Lawsuits
Internal Education Seminar, Torkin Manes LLP
- ▶ Nov 05, 2009 | Presentation
Legislative Change and New College Powers: Preventing Practice Problems and Enhancing Practice Value
Torkin Manes' Legal Symposium for Dentists
- ▶ Oct 16, 2009 | Presentation
A Conversation Between the Defence Bar and the RCDSO Registrar
Canadian Dental Protective Association Legal Symposium, Westin Prince Hotel, Toronto, October 16, 2009
- ▶ Oct 24, 2008 | Presentation
Regulatory Affairs: Changes to Upcoming Legislation That You Should Know About
Canadian Dental Protective Association 2008 Legal Symposium, Bayview Golf and Country Club, Toronto, October 24, 2008
- ▶ May 29, 2008 | Presentation
What's New in Complaints and Discipline? How to Protect Yourself
Nobel Biocare Canada Inc. Legal Symposium for Dentists and Dental Specialists
- ▶ Apr 01, 2008 | Article
Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Clauses: Do Ethics and the Law Diverge?
Oral Health
- ▶ Feb 25, 2008 | Presentation
Complaints and Discipline: What's Here and What's Coming
Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, Half Day Legal Seminar, Beth Emeth Synagogue, Toronto, February 25, 2008
- ▶ Nov 30, 2007 | Presentation
What to Do When the College Calls: Avoiding and Responding to Complaints and Discipline Proceedings
A Seminar on Current Legal Issues Affecting Veterinarians, Airport Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto
- ▶ Oct 19, 2007 | Presentation
Getting More Than You Bargained For: The Death of the Non-Competition Clause?
Canadian Dental Protective Association, Bayview Golf and Country Club, Toronto
- ▶ Nov 30, 2006 | Presentation
Avoiding and Responding to Complaints and Discipline Proceedings
A Health Law Programme for Ontario Pharmacists, Westin Harbour Prince Hotel, Toronto
- ▶ Nov 15, 2006 | Presentation
Consents and Releases: Paper Matters
George Hare Endodontic Study Club, Sunnybrook Estates, Toronto
- ▶ Sep 15, 2006 | Presentation
Your Response, The First Step to Resolving the Matter
Canadian Dental Protective Association, Risk Management Seminar, Bayview Golf and Country Club, Toronto
- ▶ Dec 01, 2005 | Article
Focus on Health Law: Good news for Ontario dentists
- ▶ Nov 02, 2005 | Presentation
Hospital Privileges: It's a Matter of Procedure
Health Law Update: Governance and Liability of Health Professionals in Ontario, Ontario Bar Association, The National Club, Toronto

- ▶ Oct 18, 2005 | Presentation
 Consents and Releases: Better Safe Than Sorry
Risk Management Seminar, Canadian Dental Protective Association, Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton
- ▶ May 30, 2005 | Presentation
 Current Legal Issues: What Mental Health Professionals Need to Know
Leading Edge Seminars, Toronto
- ▶ Nov 23, 2004 | Presentation
 Practice Check-Up, Examine Your Legal Health
Continuing Dental Education Seminar, Toronto
- ▶ Nov 01, 2004 | Article
 Focus on Health Law: The rebirth of the non-competition clause - health professionals beware
- ▶ Jul 01, 2004 | Article
 How to Bond With the College: The Top Three Ways to Ensure Ongoing Involvement With the RCDSO
Canadian Dental Protective Association Journal
- ▶ Jan 01, 2004 | Article
 Toxic Materials and a Dentist's Liability: A Lot to Swallow
Canadian Dental Protective Association Journal
- ▶ Nov 20, 2003 | Presentation
 Tales from the Pit
Risk Management Seminar, Canadian Dental Protective Association, Toronto
- ▶ May 31, 2003 | Presentation
 Ask a Lawyer: Your Practice, Your Billings and Your Research - Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask
Canadian Heart Research Centre, Cardiovascular Summit, Royal York Hotel, Toronto
- ▶ Jan 01, 2003 | Article
Butterworth v. College of Veterinarians of Ontario (2002): Prosecuting Health Professionals Before They've Responded to Complaints
Health Matters, Ontario Bar Association (Vol. 12, No.2)
- ▶ Nov 15, 2002 | Presentation
 A Prescription for Mental Health Professionals: Understanding and Avoiding Complaints, Discipline Proceedings and Lawsuits
Leading Edge Seminar, Metro-Central YMCA, Toronto
- ▶ Oct 01, 2002 | Article
 Incorporating Health Professional Practices: The Times, They Are A-Changing
(with Bernard LeBlanc), TMCA Newsletter, Fall 2002
- ▶ Jul 21, 2002 | Presentation
 Graduating in a Minefield: Understanding Professional Complaints, Discipline Proceedings and Lawsuits
Law & Ethics Symposium for the Graduating Class, Candian Memorial Chiropractic College, Toronto
- ▶ Apr 01, 2002 | Article
 Memorandum: *Straka v. Humber River Regional Hospital*
Health Law, Ontario Bar Association
- ▶ Sep 01, 2001 | Article
 The Death of the Non-Competition Clause: Protecting Your Dental Practice In The Wake of *Lyons*
Journal of the Ontario Dental Association

- ▶ Apr 15, 2001 | Newsletter
Protecting Your Professional Practice From the Enemy Within
TMCA Newsletter, Spring 2011
- ▶ Apr 14, 2001 | Newsletter
To Be Or Not To Be: A Legal Analysis of Ethical Questions
TMCA Newsletter, Spring 2001
- ▶ Oct 15, 1998 | Article
The Privilege of Paying for Being Prosecuted
Canadian Dental Protective Association Journal, Fall 1998
- ▶ Sep 01, 1998 | Article
The Right to Advertise: Where Do You Stand?
Ontario Dentist
- ▶ Feb 01, 1996 | Article
Cost Provisions in the RHPA
Health Matters, Ontario Bar Association, Vol. 7, No. 2
- ▶ Sep 21, 1994 | Article
Treating the Incapacitated - Whose Decision Is It?
Family Practice Magazine
- ▶ May 02, 1994 | Article
Severe Penalties for Failing to Report HIV
Family Practice Magazine

Memberships

- ▶ The Advocates' Society
- ▶ Canadian Bar Association - Health Law Section (Past member of National Executive)
- ▶ The Medico-Legal Society (Past Member of the Governing Council)
- ▶ Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association - Health Law Section (Past member of the Executive)

Community Involvement

- ▶ Immediate Past President, Temple Sinai Congregation Toronto
- ▶ Former Director, The Leo Baeck Day School, Toronto

Credentials

- ▶ Certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Civil Litigation
- ▶ Certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Health Law
- ▶ Called to the Ontario Bar, 1994

Education

- ▶ LL.B., University of Toronto, 1992