



## Valerie A. Edwards

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Valerie is a senior member of our Litigation Group and is a highly respected member of the litigation bar. In addition to her extensive experience as trial counsel, she has appeared as appellate counsel before both the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. With more than 35 years of experience at the Bar, Valerie has demonstrated established expertise in damages analysis, including business loss claims, business and share valuations, and real property valuations. She has experience in commercial litigation, including partnership and shareholder lawsuits, contract disputes, real estate litigation matters, and lawsuits involving fiduciaries and departing employees. She also has an extensive professional liability practice.

Valerie is a frequent speaker at Continuing Education Seminars sponsored by the Law Society of Ontario and the Canadian Bar Association on various substantive law and procedural issues. She is also a former lecturer at the University of Toronto and with the Bar Admission Section (Civil Litigation and Risk Management) of the Law Society of Ontario.

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### Expertise

- ▶ Litigation
- ▶ Wills, Trusts & Estates

### Awards & Recognition

- ▶ *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Professional Liability (2016 – present)
- ▶ *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® - Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law (2013 – present)

### Publications & Presentations

- ▶ [Sep 18, 2015 | Article](#)  
Crossing the line on legal advice
- ▶ [Apr 15, 2015 | Newsletter](#)  
When "Don't Tell the Other Side" Creates an Ethical Problem

▶ Jan 02, 2002 | Presentation

When Can a Purchaser Refuse to Close?

*Co-author, The Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures 2002: Real Property Law: Conquering the Complexities (pp. 765-768)*

▶ Jan 02, 1985 | Book

Manes' Organized Advocacy

*Co-author, published by Carswell, 1985 and previously 1983.*

## Memberships

▶ The Advocates' Society

▶ Canadian Bar Association

▶ Past Chair of the Class Proceedings Committee, a tribunal established under the regulations of the *Class Proceedings Act*, which provides funding to plaintiffs in class actions

## Credentials

▶ Called to the Ontario Bar, 1983

## Education

▶ LL.B., University of Toronto Law School, 1981

▶ B.A., History and Economics, University of Toronto, 1977