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Practice Areas

Administrative & Public Law

Regulatory

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

Amy Block is a Partner in the Regulatory Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP whose practice is focused on professional self-regulation and civil litigation.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Amy was Senior Legal Counsel and Appeal & Review Lead for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. In this role, Amy built considerable experience over the course of 15 years litigating a wide variety of matters including conducting complex hearings involving allegations of sexual abuse, clinical incompetence and incapacity.

Amy has significant experience as appeal counsel, appearing at all levels of the court, including the Divisional Court, the Court of Appeal of Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada, on matters germane to administrative law and professional regulation, including licensing, investigative and discipline matters.

Amy is a trusted advisor with experience in diverse regulatory issues having advised various College Committees and departments, including with respect to the development of policy and legislative and regulatory amendments to health professional legislation.

Earlier in her career, Amy was a civil litigator with a Toronto-based boutique law firm focused on civil and commercial litigation involving private and public businesses, financial institutions and regulatory bodies.

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Called to the Bar	Education	Affiliations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario (2002) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB (1999) • York University, Masters of Environment Studies (1999) • McGill University, BSc (Honours), Biology (1995) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation • The Advocates' Society • Ontario Bar Association

Significant Cases

- Intervenor counsel on an application for judicial review on the scope of free speech in the regulated professions
- Intervenor counsel on appeal before the Supreme Court concerning the law of delay in administrative proceedings
- Counsel on an application for judicial review involving the nature and extent of an adequate investigation
- Appellate counsel on an appeal concerning the interpretation of the labour mobility provisions in the *Regulated Health Professions Act*
- Appellate counsel on an appeal concerning the “good character” requirements in licensing/registration
- Appellate and discipline counsel on a matter involving a constitutional challenge to professional misconduct provisions

Reported Cases

- *Casella v. Ontario (College of Chiropractors)*, 2024 ONSC 899
- *Peterson v. College of Psychologists of Ontario*, 2023 ONSC 4685
- *Fagbemigun v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2023 ONSC 2642
- *Kustka v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2023 ONSC 2325
- *Khan v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, [2023] OJ No 1534, 2023 ONSC 2096
- *Kastner v Ontario (Health Professions Appeal and Review Board)*, 164 OR (3d) 657, 2023 ONSC 629
- *Khan v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2023 ONSC 848, 523 CRR (2d) 295
- *Law Society of Saskatchewan v Abrametz*, [2022] SCJ No 29, 2022 SCC 29, [2022] ACS no 29, 2022 CarswellSask 316, 2022 ACWS 492, 470 DLR (4th) 328, 510 CRR (2d) 199, 99 Admin LR (6th) 17
- *B.M.D. v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2022 ONCA 580
- *Dr. Jha v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2022 ONSC 769
- *Savic v. CPSO*, 2022 ONSC 303
- *Savic v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2021 ONSC 4756
- *Hanson v. College of Physicians*, 2021 ONSC 513
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Lee*, 2019 ONSC 4294
- *Doyle v. Discipline Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2019 ONSC 3905
- *Gutman v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2018 ONSC 6936
- *Taylor v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2018 ONSC 4562
- *Sliwin v College of Physicians and Surgeons*, 2017 ONSC 1947378 C.R.R. (2d) 136

- *Zaki v Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons*, 2017 ONSC 1613
- *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v McIntyre*, 2017 ONSC 11
- *Alghaithy v Ontario (Attorney General)*, 2015 ONSC 5575
- *Karkanis v. College of Physicians and Surgeons*, 2014 ONSC 7018
- *Chauhan v. Health Professions Appeal and Review Board and The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2013 ONSC 1621
- *Rathe v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2013 ONSC 821, 307 OAC 116
- *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v. Noriega*, 2012 ONSC 4084, 295 O.A.C. 81
- *Barbosa v. Health Professions Appeal and Review Board*, 2012 ONSC 1761
292 O.A.C. 176
- *Kumra v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, 2011 ONSC 2904
- *Yar v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario*, [2009] O.J. No. 1017

Notable Discipline Cases:

- *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v. Kadri*, 2023 ONPSDT 15 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Waddell*, 2020 ONCPSD 9 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Taliano*, 2020 ONCPSD 42 (CanLII),
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Kumra*, 2019 ONCPSD 32 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Sundaralingam*, 2019 ONCPSD 11 (CanLII),
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Jamal*, 2018 ONCPSD 21 (CanLII),
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Picard*, 2018 ONCPSD 64 (CanLII),
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Izzeldin*, 2018 ONCPSD 68 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Margalot*, 2016 ONCPSD 53 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. James*, 2016 ONCPSD 6 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Marcin*, 2016 ONCPSD 7 (CanLII),
- *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v Glumac*, 2016 ONCPSD 14 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Peirovy*, 2015 ONCPSD 30 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Iqbal*, 2015 ONCPSD 41 (CanLII); *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Iqbal*, 2015 ONCPSD 35 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Noriega, E. H.*, 2014 ONCPSD 31 (CanLII); *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Noriega*, 2015 ONCPSD 29 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Blair*, 2011 ONCPSD 25 (CanLII)
- *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Karkanis*, 2010 ONCPSD 16 (CanLII); *Ontario (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) v. Karkanis*, 2010 ONCPSD 4 (CanLII)

Professional Activities

- Instructor, Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop, Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development, July 2023
- Mentor- Civil Litigation Practicum, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Tutorial Leader, Medical Professional Legal Issues, University of Toronto Medical School, September 10, 2020
- Tutorial Leader, Transition to Clerkship, University of Toronto Medical School, September 205,

2017

- Tutorial Leader, Informed Consent, University of Toronto Medical School, January 16, 2016
- The Advocates' Society, Co-Chair and Executive Committee – Prosecutor's Network Practice Group (2016 – 2018)

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Myths, Stereotypes, and Common Sense: Navigating the Legal Principles and Pitfalls of #IYKYK in Sexual Abuse Cases", CNAR 2024 Annual Conference, Ottawa, ON, October 8, 2024
- Speaker, "Updates to Costs", Advanced Issues in Professional Regulation, Ontario Bar Association, Online, May 16, 2024
- Speaker, "Getting the Most out of Your Expert and their Report Part 2: Tendering Your Expert and Leading Your Expert's Evidence – Demonstrations", Examining and Cross-Examining Experts, Online, May 2, 2024
- Speaker, "Next Up: Hot Trends and Issues for 2024", Navigating Judicial Review in 2024: A Practical Toolkit, The Advocates' Society, Online, April 11, 2024
- Panelist, "Module 5: Penalty Hearing and Appeals", Professional Regulation and Discipline in the Ontario Health Care Sector, Osgoode Professional Development, Online, December 6, 2023
- Instructor, "The Investigator's Guide to Testifying in Non-Criminal Legal Proceedings", Osgoode Professional Development, November 27, 2023
- Chair, "Professionalism and Practice Management Issues in Administrative Law 2023", Law Society of Ontario, Online, October 3, 2023
- Speaker, "Domestic and Family Violence: The public interest in regulating what was once 'private violence'", Salt Lake City, UT, September 28, 2023
- Speaker, Statutory Appeals and Judicial Review, Health Law, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, September 22, 2023
- Speaker, The Year in Review: Key Cases in 2022, Spring Symposium, Advocates Society, April 26, 2023
- Speaker, Mental Health and the Regulation of Health Professionals, Health Law Section, Ontario Bar Association, February 23, 2023
- Speaker, Dealing with Delay in Regulatory Prosecutions, Prosecutor's Network, Advocates Society, Toronto, February 2, 2023
- Chair, "Professionalism and Practice Management Issues in Administrative Law 2023", Law Society of Ontario, Online, October 6, 2022
- Speaker, Statutory Appeals and Judicial Review, Health Law, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, September 29, 2022
- Speaker, The Complaint Process, UHN Patient Relations Committee, Toronto, May 13, 2019
- Speaker, Anatomy of a College Complaint, Out of Hospital Premises, QA Rounds, University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, Toronto, October 10, 2018
- Speaker, "What happens in Vegas": The Challenge of "Off Duty" Conduct, Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation, Halifax, October 3, 2017
- Speaker, "Court Challenges to Professional Discipline Decisions", Prosecuting and Defending Professional Discipline Cases, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development, Toronto

(2017, 2015, 2013, 2011)

- Speaker, "The Advocates Role at Prehearing Stage- Investigation and Discovery", The Civil Litigator's Guide to Tribunal Advocacy, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development, Toronto, October 5, 2016
- Speaker, Psychiatry Ground Rounds, Medical Legal Opinions: Interacting with Lawyers and Preparing Report, Toronto, November 20, 2015

Publications

- [Reasons: Where It Begins and Ends](#), December 06, 2023