

## Dena Givari

Associate

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### Practice Areas

Municipal  
Litigation & Dispute  
Resolution  
Commercial Litigation  
Expropriation  
Planning & Land Development

Dena Givari is a litigator with broad experience in arbitration. She represents clients in expropriation matters and advises on trade and government related issues, including forced labour in supply chains.

Before joining WeirFoulds, Dena was Counsel at the Canadian Department of Justice's Trade Law Bureau. In this role, she advised and represented the Government of Canada on issues of international trade law including rules of origin, trade remedies and investor-state disputes. She also advised the Competition Bureau and Trade Policy Group of the Government of Canada in negotiations with the United Kingdom, Indonesia, ASEAN and India.

Prior to this, Dena worked as an Associate lawyer at a Toronto-based law firm that specialized in corporate and securities law matters. She gained considerable experience in advising and representing clients before the British Columbia Securities Commissions, Mutual Fund Dealers Associations and Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments, representing clients in commercial arbitration, defending majority shareholders clients in proposed class action, and representing clients before the Ontario Superior Court.

### Called to the Bar

- Ontario (2018)

### Languages

- English
- French

### Education

- World Trade Institute, Certificate (2023)
- Queen's University, Juris Doctor (2017)
- University of Guelph, M.Sc., Applied Statistics (2013)
- University of Guelph, B.Sc. (Honours) Biological Science, 2011

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### Notable Cases

- *United States – Automotive Rules of Origin*: Argued in pleadings before state-to-state Dispute Resolution Panel composed under Chapter 31 of CUSMA.

## Professional Activities

- Coach, Queen's Law John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition Team (2022 – Present)
- Panel Organizer, "Cross-border Issues in Domestic Carbon Taxation", Canadian Council of International Law Conference (November 3, 2023)

## Additional Publications:

- Author, [Can the Application of Blockchain Technology Broaden the Horizons for Arbitration?](#), Kluwer Arbitration Blog, August 8, 2018.
- Author, [How Does Arbitration Intersect with the Blockchain Technology that underlies Cryptocurrencies?](#), Kluwer Arbitration Blog, May 5, 2018.
- Author, [Privacy Laws are for Everyone](#), Blaneys on Business, May 2019.

## Publications

- The Deadline to Report Under Canada's New Anti-Forced Labour Supply Chain Law is Fast Approaching: What You Need to Know, April 16, 2024