

Andrea Fernandes

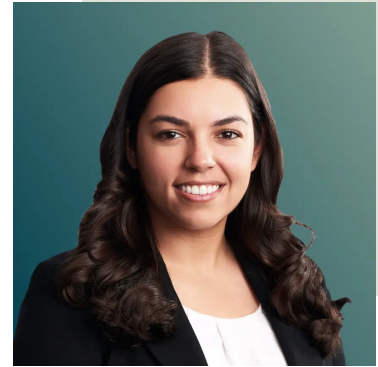
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Executive summary

Andrea is a practical and solutions-focused lawyer who works closely with clients across the transportation industry. Her practice spans the full spectrum of maritime and transportation law, including marine, trucking, rail, freight forwarding, and warehousing. She regularly advises on and litigates cargo claims, property damage and casualty matters, collisions, limitation of liability issues, contract disputes, and vessel arrests. Her background also includes significant work in insurance coverage, insurance defence, and a wide range of commercial disputes.

Andrea has represented clients in courts across Canada, including Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, and PEI, as well as before the Federal Court.

In addition to her litigation experience, Andrea frequently drafts, reviews, and provides strategic advice on transportation contracts, helping clients manage risk and keep their operations running smoothly.

Known for her clear communication and grounded, practical approach, Andrea is committed to helping clients navigate complex problems with confidence and clarity.

EDUCATION

Dalhousie University, JD

Suffolk University, (Boston – Study Abroad Program)

Wilfrid Laurier University, BA (Hons)

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2017

Expertise

Transportation & Logistics

Maritime Law

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Representative work

- Successfully defended a freight broker at trial from a cargo damage claim
- Successfully represented a waterski school in a judicial review of a decision made by Transport Canada

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- Successfully represented a manufacturer at trial in connection with their claim for cargo damage during rail transport

Insights

Publications

Co-Contributor to the Chambers Global Practice Guides (2026 Shipping Canada)

Co Co-Author of “The Law of Freight Forwarding and Freight Brokering in Common Law Jurisdictions”, Aerospark Press, 2022

Blogs

Bill C-8 Is Now Law: What Canada’s Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Act Means for Transportation and Logistics Companies

1 October 2026

The Strait of Hormuz and “End of Voyage” Declarations: Legal Boundaries on Cargo Diversion and Cost Shifting

9 April 2026

Memberships and recognition

Board memberships

- Director, Canadian Transportation Lawyers Association
 - Director, Canadian Maritime Law Association
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Professional memberships

- Canadian Transportation Lawyers Association
- Canadian Maritime Law Association

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