

Daria Risteska

Lawyer and Chief Legal Talent Officer

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Executive summary

Daria is a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group at Gardiner Roberts. Her practice focuses on corporate and commercial disputes as well as professional liability matters. She has appeared before both the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal, assisting clients through complex and high-stakes litigation with a clear and steady approach.

In addition to her litigation practice, Daria serves as the firm's Chief Legal Talent Officer. She oversees all aspects of the associate and student experience – from recruitment and onboarding to training, performance development, mentorship, and professional growth. Daria works closely with firm leadership to support a collaborative team culture and help advance Gardiner Roberts' long-term strategic goals. She is also a member of the National Association of Law Placement (NALP).

Outside the office, Daria enjoys spending time with friends and family, travelling, attending concerts and sporting events, playing softball, and finding time to read.

EDUCATION

University of Windsor, JD, 2015
University of Toronto, MA, 2010
University of Toronto, BSc (Hons), 2009

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2016

Expertise

Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Corporate & Commercial
Professional Liability

Representative work

- *Painchaud v Krimker*, 2025 ONSC 1669 (CanLII)
- *Provenzano v. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority*, 2025 ONSC 2930 (CanLII)
- *Laurentide Kitchens Inc. v. Homestars Inc.*, 2022 ONCA 48 (CanLII)
- *Braysan Properties Inc. "In Trust" v. Muchos et. al.*, 2022 ONSC 3703 (CanLII)

Insights

Blogs

Lawyer not vicariously liable to opposite party in failed real estate transaction

23 June 2022

Jurisdictional Door on the Small Claims Court Slammed Shut for Anti-SLAPP Motions

28 January 2022

Memberships and recognition

Board memberships

- Law Society of Ontario
 - Ontario Bar Association
 - Canadian Bar Association
 - The Advocates' Society
 - Toronto Lawyers Association
 - Macedonian Lawyers' Association
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Recognition

- Best Lawyers One to Watch, (Insurance Law) 2024-2026



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