

## Daniela Bassan

### Partner

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Bar Admission(s): Ontario, 1998; Nova Scotia,  
2003

Legal Assistant(s): [Alicia Mullane](#)

Working with clients such as retailers, manufacturers, collective societies, service providers, financing companies, entertainment businesses and energy companies, Daniela helps her clients navigate the complicated worlds of intellectual property disputes, arbitration proceedings, corporate commercial disputes and class action suits. She has:

- Acted for a client in one of the most high-profile intellectual property cases ever in Atlantic Canada over trademarks and related copyrights.
- Acted for a European-based multinational company in a dispute over the manufacture and supply of large-scale equipment in Canada.
- Acted for a Nova Scotia company and its affiliates as part of an international, multi-firm legal team in connection with disputed assets and transactions of over \$1 billion.

## Practice Areas

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Class Actions

Intellectual Property

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Education & Career

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### Education

Harvard Law School, LLM, 2002

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB, 1996  
University of Toronto, BA (high distinction), 1993  
University of Siena (summer term), 1991

## **Activities**

Member, Canadian Bar Association  
Member, Board of Directors, 2b Theatre, 2019  
Firm practice group leader, IP/IT/Entertainment, Stewart McKelvey, 2017  
Director, Board of the Canadian Commercial Corporation, 2014  
Member, The Bretton Woods Committee, 2014  
Director, Neptune Theatre, 2012  
Member of the LegalBizDev Project Management Advisory Board, 2012  
Member, Advisory Board for the International Arbitration Law Project of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, 2012  
Panelist interviewing candidates for CEO of Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, 2011  
Certified Legal Project Manager Program (LegalBizDev), 2011  
President, Harvard Club of Atlantic Canada, 2010 – present  
Class Agent, Harvard Law School, 2008 – present  
Director, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners, 2009 – 2012  
Member, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2008 – 2012  
Chair, Intellectual Property Section of Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia, 2009 – 2011  
Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Canada, 1997 (Justices La Forest & Bastarache)

## **Accolades**

### LAW AND GRADUATE:

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review National Prize  
J.S.D. Tory Research and Writing Award  
F.W. Minkler Scholarship Trust Fund (academics & activities)  
Fraser Milner Prize (academics & activities)  
Celanese Canada Internationalist Fellowship

### UNDERGRADUATE:

University of Toronto Arbor Scholar  
University of Toronto Alumni Association Scholar  
University College Literary and Athletic Society Honour Award  
Government of Italy Scholarship  
Lexpert 2013 Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada, Corporate Commercial Law  
Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Intellectual Property), 2014 – 2018  
Lexpert rating: Intellectual Property Law  
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Intellectual Property

## Thought Leadership

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Resources: SVILA E-Discovery

March 05, 2013

## Publications

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Embracing E-Discovery: Process Makes Perfect, CBA Nova Scotia Nova Voice, Spring 2017

“The Road to E-Discovery: More Garden Path, Less Mountain Climb?”, CBA Nova Scotia Mid-Winter Conference

January 28, 2016

Advancing Economic Development Goals via Litigation, CBA National Aboriginal Law Conference, June 2015

“Landscape of Official Marks in Canada: Some General Views”, October 2014

Cloud Computing: How to Navigate Risky Skies, Stewart McKelvey’s IP/IT Blog, The Medium

February 26, 2013

“E-Discovery and Keywords: Not so Key After All” Face 2 Face, a Conference for Litigation Support, CBA

December 07, 2012

Statutory Damages and the New Copyright Regime – Good News or Bad News?, Stewart McKelvey’s IP/IT Blog, The Medium

November 14, 2012

Spider Drones Reunite, Stewart McKelvey’s IP/IT Blog, The Medium

May 23, 2012

SVILA E-Discovery, Spring 2012

Social Networking Sites and IP: Friendly and Unfriendly Issues, Winter 2011

## Presentations

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Co-presenter, Need to Know: Norwich Orders, CBA Nova Scotia Winter Conference

December 07, 2018

Co-presenter, “The Do’s and Don’ts of Parallel Litigation and Prosecution”, CBA IP Day

May 11, 2017

Panelist, “The Road to E-Discovery: More Garden Path, Less Mountain Climb?”, CBA Nova Scotia Mid-Winter Conference

January 28, 2016

Co-presenter, "Top 10 Licensing Tips for Music Owners", ALIS conference

February 28, 2015

Presenter, "E-Contracts: Hip to be Square", CBA Nova Scotia Mid-Winter Conference

January 29, 2015

Presenter, "Counterfeit Goods", CBA Privacy Law Session

October 01, 2014

Presenter, "Top 10 Tips to Protect your IP", Let's do Business: Burnside Breakfast Series

May 16, 2013

Presenter, "Trade-marks 2012 Year in Review", Schulich School of Law

March 28, 2013

Presenter, Copyright Session, TIANS Conference

November 26, 2012

"Cases on Jurisdiction and Forum Selection Clauses" - Annual Professional Development - CBA Nova Scotia

January 27, 2012