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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Ontario, 2010; Nova Scotia, 2013

Legal Assistant(s): [Heidi Butler](#)

Complex legal questions require comprehensive research. Focusing on strategy, Jennifer unearths the legal principles needed to make informed decisions. From reading old English case reports to using the latest online legal research technology, she will leave no stone unturned in an effort to support colleagues and meet clients' needs.

Jennifer conducts in-depth legal research and drafts legal memos, opinions, briefs and factums in all areas of law. Her work aims to advance clients' interests as effectively and efficiently as possible by turning complex legal problems into practical advice. Particular areas of focus and interest include constitutional law, Aboriginal law, health law, professional regulation and administrative law, insurance defence and class actions. She enjoys working in teams and providing strategic advice in addition to her legal research and writing, and often writes client updates and articles on recent developments in the law.

Education & Career

Education

Osgoode Professional Development, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University – Certificate in Fundamentals of Aboriginal Law, 2015

University of Cambridge, Master of Law, 2011

Dalhousie University, Bachelor of Laws, 2008

Dalhousie University, Bachelor of Arts, Combined Honours in History and Political Science, 2005

Activities

Member, East Coast Prison Justice Society Board of Directors

Advocacy Chair, Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia Branch
Communications Officer (2020/2021), CBA Women Lawyers Forum
Member, Nova Scotia Policing Policy Working Group
Mentor, Dalhousie Feminist Legal Association
Organizing Committee Member, 2021 CBA National Aboriginal Law Conference
Various activities, St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Eastern Passage

Accolades

Recipient, [CBA Nova Scotia Zöe Odei Young Lawyers Award](#), 2016

Thought Leadership

The “dominant tide” comes in: cooperative federalism in the *Reference re Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*
[April 05, 2021](#)

Clarity on the limitation period for third party claims in Nova Scotia
[March 15, 2021](#)

Game over for waiver of tort
[July 27, 2020](#)

Richards Estate sets the limits on actions against LTD insurers
[February 27, 2020](#)

Express yourself ... but maybe not on your license plate: The NSSC decision in *Grabher*
[February 06, 2020](#)

The spies who saved judicial review: The top 10 takeaways from *Vavilov*
[December 20, 2019](#)

A *Charter* right to testamentary freedom? The NSSC decision in *Lawen Estate*
[July 02, 2019](#)

Not a “token gesture”: Nova Scotia Court of Appeal confirms deductibility of future CPP disability benefits from tort damages
[January 18, 2019](#)

Client Update – Protecting the innocent in property insurance: recent amendments to Nova Scotia’s Insurance Act limit “criminal or intentional act” exclusion clauses
[May 29, 2018](#)

Client Update: Limitation periods & denial of LTD benefits: the NSSC decision in *Cameron*
[May 09, 2018](#)

Statutory interpretation & social justice

[November 14, 2017](#)

Adoption & access to justice: Judge erred in making “self-directed constitutional reference” in adoption case

[August 28, 2017](#)

Knowing your limitations: a new NS case on limitation periods

[August 17, 2017](#)

Nothing fishy here: Federal Court dismisses application for judicial review in PIIFCAF case

[May 18, 2017](#)

A window on interpreting insurance contracts: Top 10 points from Ledcor Construction

[September 23, 2016](#)

Charter-ing a Different Course? Two decisions on TWU’s proposed law school

[August 11, 2016](#)

Solicitor-client privilege vs the Canada Revenue Agency: the SCC speaks

[June 10, 2016](#)

Good Faith Fisheries: New case on Crown consultation & regulation of Aboriginal fisheries

[March 22, 2016](#)

The Labour Relations of First Nations’ Fisheries: Who gets to decide?

[February 02, 2016](#)

Settling for it: Two new NS decisions on settlement agreements and releases

[January 15, 2016](#)

Striking down the Nova Scotia Cyber-safety Act: The 10 most interesting things about Crouch v Snell

[December 16, 2015](#)

Forsythe v Westfall: Forum of Necessity & Access to Justice

[December 01, 2015](#)

The Fair Elections Act and #elxn42: A summary of Council of Canadians v Canada (Attorney General)

[October 15, 2015](#)

In the Three Certainties We Trust: The status of Builders’ Lien Act trust claims in bankruptcy

[October 09, 2015](#)

Back to (Limitations) School: Nova Scotia’s new Limitation of Actions Act in force September 1st

September 01, 2015

Publications

Access to Choice: The Legal Framework for Abortion Access in Nova Scotia, with Julianne Stevenson and Mary Rolf, LEAF, May 2019

“Abortion is constitutional right and, unfortunately, an election issue”, Canadian Lawyer
September 23, 2019

“The power of law”, The Lawyer’s Daily
May 30, 2019

“Importance of political friendship”, The Lawyer’s Daily
March 08, 2019

“Scandal and matriarchy: How Jody Wilson-Raybould makes me want to be a better lawyer”, Canadian Lawyer
March 04, 2019

“What we can learn from *On the Basis of Sex*”, The Lawyer’s Daily
January 29, 2019

Contributor, CBA National website

Contributor, CanLII Connects

Presentations

Co-presenter, “*Lawen Estate v Nova Scotia (Attorney General)*, 2019 NSSC 162: A Case Commentary”, CBA-NS Presentation
February 13, 2020