

Jill M. Knudsen

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[+ Education](#)

- LL.B 1986, The University of Western Ontario
- Called to the Ontario Bar 1988

[+ Areas of Practice](#)

- Litigation
- Employment Law
- Class/Group Actions

[+ Professional & Community Activities](#)

- Jill was born and raised in Alberta but has called Ontario home since the fall of 1983. For many years, Jill sat on the executive of the Lawrence Park Athletic Association, a volunteer-run organization operating leagues in various sports. When she's not running between a soccer pitch, hockey arena or basketball court with one of her five children, Jill loves spending time in California wine country or taking part in jam sessions with her musically talented friends.
- Jill is a member in good standing of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association and the Toronto Lawyers Association. She has volunteered during Law Day and has acted as a judge in high school mock trial competitions. Jill has completed the Intensive Trial Advocacy Course and the Harvard Negotiation Seminar.

Profile

Jill is litigation counsel to the firm. She has practiced commercial litigation since her call to the Ontario bar in 1988. Jill received her law degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1986, prior to which she studied business and commerce at the University of Alberta. Jill has been fortunate to have enjoyed an unusually broad and varied litigation practice. Over the years, Jill has acted for both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of general commercial litigation matters, including shareholder disagreements, oppression claims, employment disputes (including claims for wrongful dismissal, misappropriation of confidential information, misappropriation of corporate opportunity and breach of fiduciary duty by departing employees), real estate and leasing matters and other contractual claims. She has also had the benefit of litigating personal injury and professional malpractice files, estate matters, matrimonial disputes, aboriginal land claims and certain areas of construction law.

Professional Experience

Jill is an effective and experienced advocate, having appeared as counsel at all levels of trial and appellate courts in Ontario. She also has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution and has effectively represented her clients in both arbitrations and mediations. She writes extremely well and she is unusually adept at enhancing her compelling written advocacy with articulate, organized and commanding oral arguments. '

Noteable Cases

- **Brad-Jay Investments v. Szijarto et al** Jill successfully defended this multi-million dollar theft claim in which her client was also alleged to have breached his fiduciary obligations by "moonlighting" in property management. The scope of fiduciary duties, constructive trusts and the civil burden of proof in theft claims were at issue. The plaintiff sought but was denied leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.
- **Bassett-Laudi Partners v. TAL Group et al** The Superior Court

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issued an Anton Pillar order allowing Jill's client to enter the defendants' business and residential premises and seize property belonging to the plaintiff which the defendants had purloined during their employment.

- **NV Luchthaven Schiphol v. T1T2 Limited Partnership et al**Jill's client, the operator of the Amsterdam airport, was awarded the contract to manage Pearson Airport during its redevelopment. When the federal government cancelled the redevelopment, Jill negotiated a large settlement for Schiphol.