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Linda Rothstein is known for her probing cross-examinations but also for her strategic advice and behind-the-scenes counsel work on high stakes cases.

She is frequently employed by law firms to resolve sensitive internal partnership disputes, as class counsel in complex class actions and by provincial regulators in professional misconduct proceedings. Her high profile work as Commission Counsel to the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology, counsel to the City of Toronto in the Computer Leasing Inquiry and lead counsel to the Motherisk Hair Analysis Review have cemented her reputation as one of Ontario's leading advocates.

Representative Work

Linda has acted as class counsel in product liability and consumer advocacy class actions, for law and other professional partnerships in partnership disputes, in a range of employment law cases including departing employee injunctions and in professional liability and misconduct proceedings. She also acts as a mediator/arbitrator in civil and commercial litigation.

Awards and Honours

- Law Society Medal, awarded by the Law Society of Upper Canada (2005)
- Award of Distinction, awarded by the Toronto Lawyer's Association (2008)
- Lexpert Zenith Award (2013)
- University of Toronto Distinguished Alumnus Award (2014)
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America
- Named one of the top 25 women in Litigation in Canada by Benchmark

Education:

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law LL.B., 1980

Dean's List, 1979, 1980;
Administrative Law Prize,
Real Estate Prize, 1979,
International Law Prize, 1980

Bar Admissions:

Ontario, 1982

Professional Affiliations:

Chair, Law Foundation of Ontario Board of Trustees (2016);
Member, Public Health Ontario Board of Directors (2014-Present);
Fellow and Member, International Academy of Trial Lawyers Board of Directors (2012-Present);
Member, Harold G. Fox Education Fund Board of Trustees (2013-Present);
Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Director, The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History (2015-Present);
Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America;
America.

Toronto Regional Benchler, The Law Society of Upper Canada (2007-2015)
Chair, Professional Regulation Committee (2008-2010),
Co-Chair, Tribunals Committee (2010-2011)
Vice-Chair, Finance Committee (2010-2011)
Vice-Chair, Appeal Panel (2011)
Vice-Chair, Hearing Division, Law Society Tribunal (2013-2015)
Co-Chair, Mentoring and Advisory Services Proposal Task Force (2014)

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- Recognized by Lexpert as one of Canada's leading practitioners in Litigation – Corporate Commercial, consistently recommended in Class Actions, Litigation – Public Law and Employment Law and repeatedly recommended in Workplace Human Rights
- Selected by Best Lawyers in Canada in four litigation specialties: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Administrative and Public Law, and Labour and Employment Law (2014); named best Administrative and Public Law lawyer of the year (2012); named best Employment and Labour Law lawyer of the year (2013)

Professional Affiliations:

President, Advocates' Society of Ontario (2005-2006); First Vice-President, Advocates' Society (2004-2005); Treasurer, Advocates' Society of Ontario (2003-2004); Board of Directors, Advocates' Society of Ontario (1998-2003);

Publications/Presentations

Linda is a much sought after speaker on a wide range of topics in civil litigation, trial advocacy, professional regulation and liability, and employment law and human rights for various continuing education organizations including the Law Society of Upper Canada, Canadian Bar Association of Ontario, the Canadian Institute, Infonex, University of Toronto – Faculty of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, Queen's University and the Advocates' Society.

A few selected publications are listed below:

- S.M. Grant and L. Rothstein, **Lawyers' Professional Liability** (Toronto: Butterworths, 1999, 2d.ed.).
- S. M. Grant and L. Rothstein, "**Professional Liability**" (ch.9) in D. Lundy, G. MacKenzie and M. Newbury, **Barristers and Solicitors in Practice**, Butterworths, 1998.
- L. Rothstein and M. Shortreed, "**Disposition without Trial: A Review of the Application of Ontario's Rule 20 and 21**", *National Annual Review on Civil Litigation 2001*, M. G. Cochrane and Justice T. Archibald, eds. (Toronto: Carswell 2001), pp. 69-81.
- Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures: "**Balancing Probabilities: The overlooked Complexity of the Civil Standard of Proof**", April 2003.
- Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures: ***Modern Law of Damages***, Co-chair, April 2005