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Drawing on extensive experience in commercial litigation and administrative law, Lily Harmer has a deep knowledge of complex regulatory regimes, and an exceptional capacity to support clients with strategic, sensible solutions.

Lily acts for clients in insolvency proceedings, pension matters, professional discipline, and general commercial disputes. Lily is also active in the firm's post-secondary education practice. She has received recognition from *Best Lawyers in Canada* for Administrative and Public Law, and is a continuing legal education lecturer with The Advocates' Society. As a pioneer in fighting gender-based wage discrimination, she was a founding board member of Pay Equity Advocacy and Legal Services, a free legal aid clinic for women.

Education

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, LL.B., Chartered Accountant designation, 1984
1989

Queen's University, School of Business,
Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.), 1981

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1991

Professional Affiliations

Paliare Roland

INSOL International

Ontario Bar Association

The Advocates' Society

Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers

Practice Areas

Appeals and Judicial Review

Judicial Inquiries and Inquests

Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation

Pension Litigation

Class Actions

Professional Discipline and Regulation

Commercial Litigation

Public and Administrative Law

Employment Law

Universities

Awards and Honours

Best Lawyers in Canada 2024 - Labour and Employment Law

Best Lawyers in Canada - Administrative and Public Law, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law - Since 2021

Representative Work

Acts for clients involved in complex insolvency proceedings, advises on pension matters, prosecutes and defends professionals and others in discipline and related matters.

Is regularly engaged in resolving more general commercial disputes.

Assists clients to navigate complex regulatory regimes.

Community Involvement

Board Member – Festival of the Sound (member of Finance and Governance Committees)

War Child Canada volunteer

Beautiful World fundraiser

Previous Havergal College member – Pension sub-committee

Previous Havergal College member – Finance and Audit committee

The Advocates' Society – Skills instructor – Continuing legal education lecturer

Pay Equity Advocacy and Legal Services – Founding board member

Publications

Pension Plan Governance for Multi-Employer Pension Plans – Canadian Issues – 2000
Travel Trades Trust Fund Education Conference – November 2000

Pension Benefits on Purchase and Sale of a Business – CBAO Continuing education – May 2000

Your Guide to Discipline & Discharge in the Unionized Workplace – Centre for Labour-Management Development – December 1997

The Right to Strike: Charter Implications and Interpretations – University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review – 1989