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Expertise
Financial Restructuring and Insolvency
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Bar Admissions
Ontario, 2002

One of Canada's foremost leaders in the areas of insolvency, contract, corporate governance and commercial law, Stephanie is trusted by clients for her unique blend of academic knowledge and commercial insight.

Clients turn to Stephanie for her deep knowledge of private law issues, primarily in the context of transactions and litigation. A Davies affiliated scholar, she is a York University Distinguished Research Professor and full professor at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Stephanie has greatly contributed to both policy debate and commercial law reform through her research, teaching and service. She is regularly consulted by governments and self-regulatory organizations for her insights into insolvency and commercial law matters. Her work has been cited by every level of Canadian court and she has given expert testimony to Canadian and American courts.

A recognized thought leader both domestically and internationally, Stephanie presents her research and serves as a visiting professor at major law faculties across the globe.

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Commercial Law Workshop, Queens University, "Avoiding Bankruptcy at High Cost: The Dangers of the Debt Relief Industry"; Kingston, ON
Sep 23, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Lincoln Alexander Law Speaker Series 23/24, "Impoverishing the Consumer: Payday Loans and Financial Law"; Toronto, ON
Sep 14, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Wharton-Harvard Insolvency and Restructuring Conference, "Bank Bankruptcy in Canada (2.0)"; Philadelphia, PA
Sep 9, 2023

Article
ADR in Canadian Insolvency Proceedings: An Overview, co-author
May 9, 2023
Canadian Arbitration and Mediation Journal – Spring 2023
Read More

Speaking Engagement
CTV's *Your Morning*, "Uptick in Canadian Bankruptcy Filings"; Interview
Jan 9, 2020

Speaking Engagement
Berkeley, University of California, 2017 Canadian Studies Colloquium, "Millennials in Crisis: Myth Busting Millennial Debt Narratives"; Berkeley, CA
Mar 22, 2017

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Payday Lending in Canada: 10 Years Later, co-author
Jan 30, 2017
Annual Review of Insolvency Law 2016 (Toronto: Carswell)

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School, Creating Opportunities Summit, "Millennials in Debt"; Toronto, ON
Jan 26, 2017

Article
Private Lines of Credit for Law Students and Medical Students: A Canadian Perspective, co-author
Jan 1, 2017
Banking and Finance Law Review

Article
The American Bankruptcy Institute Recommendations on Chapter 11: Some Canadian Thoughts
Dec 31, 2016
Canadian Business Law Journal, Vol. 57, No. 3

Speaking Engagement
Insolvency Institute of Canada, 2016 Conference and Annual Meeting, "The American Bankruptcy Institute Recommendations on Chapter 11: Some Canadian Thoughts"; Southampton, Bermuda
Nov 4, 2016

Speaking Engagement
IRC Comparative Consumer Overindebtedness, Law & Society 2016 General Meeting, "Private Student Loan Debt of Law, MBA and Medical Students"; New Orleans, LA
Jun 4, 2016

Speaking Engagement
University of Kent, Kent Law School, "Poor Person's Bankruptcy – North American Perspectives"; Canterbury, UK
Apr 28, 2016

Speaking Engagement
Chair and commentator, Osgoode Hall Law School, Osgoode Graduate Students Conference, Policy, Finance and Private Justice Panel; Toronto, ON
Feb 18, 2016

Speaking Engagement
University of British Columbia Centre for Business Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, "Government Involvement in CCAA Proceedings: Has Transparency Been Achieved?"; Vancouver, BC
Feb 8, 2016

Guide
Government Involvement in CCAA Proceedings: Has Transparency Been Achieved?, co-author
Jan 31, 2016

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Guide
Canadian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law: Cases, Texts and Materials, **3rd ed., co-author**
Dec 31, 2015
(Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications)

Speaking Engagement
Brooklyn Law School, senior commentary, "Young Bankruptcy Scholars' Work-in-Progress Workshop"; New York, NY
Nov 20, 2015

Speaking Engagement
University of Saskatchewan College of Law, "Millennials in Debt"; Saskatoon, SK
Oct 26, 2015

Speaking Engagement
Lakehead University, Bora Laskin Law School, "Government Involvement in CCAA Proceedings"; Thunder Bay, ON
Oct 8, 2015

Guide
A Traditionalist's Take on Bankruptcy Intersections
Aug 14, 2015
The Dignity of Law: The Legacy of Justice Louis LeBel (Markham: LexisNexis)

Speaking Engagement
University of Victoria Faculty of Law, "Understanding Student Loans: A Canadian Perspective"; Victoria, BC
Jun 3, 2015

Speaking Engagement
IRC Comparative Consumer Overindebtedness, Law & Society 2015 General Meeting, "Two Randomized Trials of Student Loan Interventions"; Seattle, WA
May 30, 2015

Article
Reaffirmation of Debt in Consumer Bankruptcy in Canada
Jan 1, 2015
Canadian Business Law Journal, Vol. 56, No. 2

Speaking Engagement
University of Helsinki, "Student Loans and Debt Reaffirmation as Obstacles to the Fresh Start"; Helsinki, Finland
Dec 15, 2014

Speaking Engagement
University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Symposium to Celebrate Justice Lebel, "Bankruptcy Intersections"
Oct 17, 2014

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School, Osgoode Research Celebration; "Student Loan

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Research"; Toronto, ON
Oct 1, 2014

Guide
Contracts: Cases and Commentaries, **9th ed., co-author**
Aug 14, 2014
(Toronto: Carswell)

Article
Symposium in Honour of John McCamus, Teaching and Scholarship, guest editor
May 1, 2014
Osgoode Hall Law Journal, Vol. 51, No. 3

Speaking Engagement
University of British Columbia Centre for Business Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, "Reflections on Consultation on the Credit Counselling Industry"; Vancouver, BC
Feb 21, 2014

Article
Student Loans and Bankruptcy: Five Years Later
Jan 1, 2014
Annual Review of Insolvency Law (2014)

Speaking Engagement
MAG Lawyers, Continuing Education program, "A Day in the Life of a Consumer Bankrupt in Canada"; Toronto, ON
Nov 22, 2013

Speaking Engagement
McGill University Faculty of Law, 43rd Annual Workshop on Commercial & Consumer Law, "Current Issues in Bankruptcy Law"; Montreal, QC
Oct 12, 2013

Article
Credit Counselling in Canada: An Empirical Investigation, co-author
Jul 22, 2013
Canadian Journal of Law and Society, Vol. 29, Issue 1

Speaking Engagement
IRC Comparative Consumer Overindebtedness, Law & Society 2013 Conference, "The Socio Legal Aspects of Student Loan Debt in Canada"; Boston, MA
May 31, 2013

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School; Osgoode Professional Development, "Consultation on the Credit Counselling Industry"; Toronto, ON
Mar 18, 2013

Speaking Engagement
Emory University School of Law, Contract as "Public Law" at the Intersection of Globalization and Privatization workshop, "Credit Counselling in Canada: An Empirical Investigation"; Atlanta, GA

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Mar 2, 2013

Speaking Engagement
University of British Columbia Centre for Business Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, "Best Practices in Consumer Insolvencies"; Montreal, QC
Feb 7, 2013

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School, Symposium in Honour of Professor John McCamus, "Contract Law Panel Discussion"; Toronto, ON
Feb 6, 2013

Article
Debt or Equity? A Puzzle for Canadian Bankruptcy Law
Jan 1, 2013
Canadian Business Law Journal, Vol. 53, Issue 3

Article
Farm Insolvency in Canada, co-author
Jan 1, 2013
Journal of the Insolvency Institute of Canada, Vol. 2 (2013)

Article
Report on the Consultation on the Credit Counselling Industry in Canada
Jan 1, 2013
Annual Review of Insolvency Law (2013)

Speaking Engagement
Dalhousie University, Schulich School of Law, 42nd Annual Workshop on Commercial & Consumer Law, "The Future of the CCAA as a Restructuring Vehicle"; Halifax, NS
Oct 13, 2012

Speaking Engagement
Insolvency Institute of Canada, 2012 Conference and Annual Meeting, "Environmental Issues in Restructuring after Abitibi"; Whistler, BC
Sep 21, 2012

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School and The Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University, Critical Reflections on Legal Pluralism in the State and Beyond Joint Symposium, "Debt Relief and Multiple Legal Orders in Canada"; Ramat Gan, Israel
Jul 1, 2012

Speaking Engagement
IRC Comparative Consumer Overindebtedness, Law & Society Conference, "Access to Financial Services in Canada"; Honolulu, HI
Jun 8, 2012

Guide
National Report for Canada
May 16, 2012
Commencement of Insolvency Proceedings (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

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Speaking Engagement
University of British Columbia Centre for Business Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, "Debtor Assistance and Debt Advice: The Role of the Canadian Credit Counselling Industry"; Vancouver, BC
Feb 10, 2012

Speaking Engagement
University of British Columbia, Australian/Canadian Meeting on Consumer Bankruptcy, "Stigma and Bankruptcy"; Vancouver, BC
Jan 17, 2012

Article
Involuntary Creditors and Corporate Bankruptcy, co-author
Jan 1, 2012
UBC Law Review, Vol. 45, No. 2

Guide
Contracts Cases and Commentaries 8th edition
Aug 14, 2009
(Toronto: Carswell)

Guide
Canadian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law: Cases, Texts and Materials, **2nd ed., co-author**
Jan 1, 2009
(Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications)

Guide
Bankruptcy Reforms 2008
Jan 1, 2008
(Toronto: Thomson Carswell)

Guide
Canadian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law: Bill C-55, Statute c.47 and Beyond, **co-author**
Sep 30, 2007
(Toronto: LexisNexis Canada)

Insights

Navigating Uncertainty: The Impact of Tariffs and Economic Shifts on Canadian Insolvencies
May 13, 2025

Insolvency Now: 2019-2024 Data Trends
Nov 19, 2024

2023 Business Insolvencies in Canada
Mar 5, 2024

Business Insolvency on the Rise in Canada: Understanding the Role of AI
Oct 12, 2023

Rolling Into 2023: Mild Slumps and Jumps in Insolvency Numbers
Mar 9, 2023

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Financial Gloom and the Increase in Insolvency Filings
Nov 16, 2022

Canada's Shifting Credit and Insolvency Landscapes
Jul 27, 2022

Insolvencies in 2021: A Look Back and the Road Ahead
Apr 6, 2022

International Views: A Canadian Playbook for 2022
Feb 9, 2022

Q2 2021 Insolvencies: Crunching the Numbers and Keeping Good Faith
Oct 21, 2021

Davies Restructuring Review 2021: Issue 2
Jun 17, 2021

Davies Restructuring Review 2021: Issue 1
Mar 2, 2021

Canadian Insolvency Trends in 2020: A Pandemic Year in Numbers
Dec 17, 2020

Davies Governance Insights 2020
Oct 5, 2020

Education

Harvard Law School, LLM
Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2002

Community Involvement

Canadian Law and Economics Association, member and former secretary
Insolvency Institute of Canada, Editorial Board and Advocacy Committee

Teaching Engagements

Stephanie is a visiting scholar at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, where she engages with faculty on her research, delivers keynote lectures and contributes to the overall teaching and learning experience at the law school. She is also a Catalyst Capital Fellow Visiting Professor in Insolvency Law at Western Law School and a faculty member at the National Judicial Institute.

Professional Affiliations

Insolvency Institute of Canada
International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law
International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation