



## Neil M. Abramson

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**Neil is the Chair of Torkin Manes' Litigation Department and a member of the Torkin Manes Advisory Committee. He also chairs the firm's Health Professionals Group. Neil acts for both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of legal disputes including contracts, torts, employment law and personal injury.**

He is particularly experienced in providing counsel to and litigating on behalf of not-for-profit and charitable corporations.

Neil has a large number of reported decisions to his credit; however, his practice is particularly focused on health law and he is one of the few lawyers certified by The Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Health Law. He is also certified by The Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Civil Litigation. This makes Neil one of only a handful of lawyers in Ontario who is a Certified Specialist in both health law and civil litigation.

Neil routinely represents physicians, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians and other regulated health professionals. He regularly defends clients in hearings before the Discipline Committees of the various Colleges regulating health professionals in Ontario, and appears on appeal before all levels of court. He has also acted for many medical staff associations and for physicians in numerous hospital privilege disputes.

Neil has been recognized by his peers in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* for Health Law and is on the Canadian Dental Protective Association's list of approved counsel.

### Publications & Presentations

- **"Complaints & Discipline - A Conversation Between the College & the Defense"**, Legal Issues Affecting Dentists Today, Torkin Manes Health Law Program, November 2017
- **"A Prescription for the Legal Health of Your Pharmacy: ODB Audits"**

### Services

- Health Law
- Litigation

### Education

- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1992

### Credentials

- Certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Civil Litigation
- Certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Health Law
- Called to the Ontario Bar, 1994

### Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada - Health Law* (2017)

**and College Complaints/Discipline Hearings,”** Ontario Pharmacists Association’s Third Party Audits and Regulatory Compliance Conference, September 2015

- **“Judicial Review and Appeals from Administrative Decisions,”** (with Marshall Swadron) Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2014, The Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2014
- **“Judicial Review and Appeals,”** Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2014, The Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2014
- **“Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2014,”** Symposium Co-chair, The Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2014
- **“Administrative Tribunal Advocacy Workshop 2014,”** Instructor, The Advocates’ Society, March 2014
- **“Representing the Difficult Client,”** Hot Topics in Ethics for Administrative Lawyers, The Law Society of Upper Canada, October 2013
- **“It’s Perfectly Clear, Sort of: The Division of Powers and the Charter in Administrative Hearings,”** Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2013, Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2013
- **“Lawyer Regulation from Both Sides,”** Moderator, Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2013, The Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2013
- **“New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2013,”** Symposium Co-chair, The Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2013
- **“The Sadness, the Madness and a Glimmer of Hope: Developments in the Investigatory and Disciplinary Powers of the RCDSO,”** Toronto Academy of Dentistry Winter Clinic 2012, November 2012
- **“Complaints & Discipline: A Conversation Between the College & the Defense,”** Torkin Manes Legal Symposium for Veterinarians, November 2012
- **“From Licensing to Discipline of Regulated Professionals: A Summary Update for 2012,”** (with Bernard LeBlanc) New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2012, Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2012
- **“New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2012,”** Symposium Co-chair, Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2012
- **“Administrative Tribunal Advocacy Workshop 2012,”** Instructor, The Advocates’ Society, April 2012
- **“What to do When the College Calls – Avoiding and Responding to Complaints and Discipline Proceedings,”** Torkin Manes Legal Symposium for Veterinarians, November 2011
- **“Legislative Change: Understanding New College Powers and the College’s New Approach to Complaints and Investigations,”** York Region Dental Society, September 2011

- **"The Sadness, the Madness and a Glimmer of Hope: An Update on Recent Health Law Cases in the Province of Ontario,"** Coast to Coast, 2011 National Health Law Summit: Critical Issues in Health Law, Canadian Bar Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 2011
- **Symposium Co-chair: "New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2011,"** Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2011
- **"From Licensing to Discipline of Regulated Professionals: A Summary Update,"** Co-author, New Lawyer Practice Series: Administrative Law 2011, Law Society of Upper Canada, May 2011
- **"Health Law: The Year in Review,"** Ontario Bar Association 20th Annual Operation Update, October 2010
- **"Judicial Policy-Making or Just Bad Facts? – Four Recent Health Law Cases in Review,"** Ontario Bar Association Conference – 20th Annual Operation Update, October 2010
- **"Understanding Professional Complaints Discipline Proceedings and Lawsuits,"** Internal Education Seminar, Torkin Manes LLP, March 2010
- **"Legislative Change and New College Powers: Preventing Practice Problems and Enhancing Practice Value,"** Torkin Manes Legal Symposium for Dentists, November 2009
- **"A Conversation Between the Defence Bar and the RCDSO Registrar,"** Canadian Dental Protective Association Legal Symposium, October 2009
- **"Regulatory Affairs: Changes to Upcoming Legislation That You Should Know About,"** Canadian Dental Protective Association 2008 Legal Symposium, October 2008
- **"What's New in Complaints and Discipline? How to Protect Yourself,"** Nobel Biocare Canada Inc. Legal Symposium for Dentists and Dental Specialists, May 2008
- **"Complaints and Discipline: What's Here and What's Coming,"** Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, Half Day Legal Seminar, February 2008
- **"Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Clauses: Do Ethics and the Law Diverge?"** Oral Health, April 2008
- **"How to Bond With the College: The Top Three Ways to Ensure Ongoing Involvement With the RCDSO,"** Canadian Dental Protective Association Journal, Daily Discipline, Summer 2004
- **"Toxic Materials and a Dentist's Liability: A Lot to Swallow,"** Canadian Dental Protective Association Journal, January 2004
- **"Butterworth v. College of Veterinarians of Ontario (2002): Prosecuting Health Professionals Before They've Responded to Complaints,"** Ontario Bar Association, Health Matters, Volume 12, No. 2, January 2003
- **"Memorandum: Straka v. Humber River Regional Hospital,"** Health Law, Ontario Bar Association, April 2002
- **"The Death of the Non-Competition Clause: Protecting Your Dental Practice In The Wake of 'Lyons',"** Journal of the Ontario Dental Association, September 2001

## Teaching

- Former Adjunct Faculty, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law (Trial Advocacy Course)
- The Advocates Society: Regularly called upon to teach advocacy to lawyers
- Former instructor, The Law Society of Upper Canada, Bar Admission Course (Public Law)
- Former instructor, Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (Trial Advocacy Course)

## Memberships

- The Advocates' Society
- Canadian Bar Association - Health Law Section (Past member of National Executive)
- The Medico-Legal Society of Toronto (Past Member of the Governing Council)
- Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association
- Ontario Bar Association - Health Law Section (Past member of the Executive)

## Community Involvement

- President, Temple Sinai Congregation, Toronto (2015-2017)
- Former Director, The Leo Baeck Day School, Toronto