

## **LAURA HILLYER**

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### **EDUCATION**

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

**Bachelor of Arts** 1996

Area of Concentration: History

University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

**Bachelor of Laws** 1999

### **AWARDS**

Torts Award, University of Western Ontario 1997

Criminal Award, University of Western Ontario 1997

### **PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Martin & Hillyer Associates, Burlington, Ontario

**Barrister & Solicitor, Notary Public** 2001-present

Mackesy, Smye LLP, Hamilton, Ontario

**Student-at-Law** 1999-2000

Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield, England

**Legal Work Placement** Summer 1996

Dunlop & Associates, Burlington, Ontario

**Law Student** Summer 1995

Martin & Hillyer, Burlington, Ontario

**Law Student, Clerk, Administrative** 1993 - 2000

Part-time/summers

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCE CHAIRING AND PUBLICATIONS

***“The Nuts and Bolts of International Litigation”***

American Association for Justice, Baltimore Convention

**Co-Moderator of Education Program**

**Moderator of Education Panel “Forum Non-Conveniens”**

**July 2014**

***“Precedents & Practice: Strategies for Success”***

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Spring Conference, Toronto

**Co-Chair of Conference**

**Moderator of CPD Panel “Conflicts – The Good, The Bad & The Ugly”**

**May 2014**

***“Fun with the Fund: Tips for Handling MVACF Cases”***

Joint Paper with Janis Criger

Presented at the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Spring Conference, Toronto

**May 2013**

***“Witness Privilege”***

Paper presented to Physician and Medical Expert attendees at the International Association of Personal Injury/  
Association Internationale de Dommage Corporel Conference, Montreal, Quebec

**September 2012**

***International Practice Section Education Program***

American Association for Justice, New York City Convention

**Co-Moderator of Education Program**

**Moderator of Education Panel**

***“Tips, Trips & Slips in Handling International Files”***

**July 2011**

***“Disclosure – Who owns it? (and how to handle it)”***

Paper presented at the Halton Criminal Lawyers’ Seminar

**June 2011**

***“Night Driving – Issues to Consider”***

Paper presented at Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Fall Conference, Toronto

**October 2010**

***“The Standard Automobile Policy: O.A.P. 1”***

Paper presented at Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Spring Conference, Toronto

**May 2010**

***“It’s the Plaintiff’s Fault: Developments in Contributory Negligence”***

Paper prepared for Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Fall Conference, Toronto

**October 2009**

***“Class Actions in the U.S. and Abroad: An Outline of the Canadian Experience for the Purpose of Comparative Analysis”***

Paper presented at the American Association for Justice, Philadelphia Convention

**July 2008**

***“How to Build Your Civil Practice with Criminal Experience”***

Published in The Litigator, Journal of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association

Fall 2006

**Fall 2006**

***“Trial Preparation: Focus Groups – What they are and when to use them”***

Presentation made to Hamilton Criminal Lawyers Association

**April 2004**

***“Shaken Not Stirred: The Impact of James Bond on Gender in 1960s America”***

Published in The Mirror (Canada’s oldest undergraduate History Journal)

Volume XVI, (1996), pg. 1-27

**1996**

**BOARD & COMMUNITY WORK**

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association (OTLA)

**Board of Directors**

**2009-present**

**Member-at-Large (serving on Executive)**

**2013-present**

Ontario Safety League (OSL)

**Board of Directors**

**2015-present**

International Practice Section – American Association for Justice

**Co-Chair**

**2013-present**

**Vice-Chair**

**2010-2012**

American Association for Justice

**Board of Governors**

**2012-present**

**State Delegate**

**2010-2011**

Brain Injury Association of Peel and Halton (BIAPH)

**Vice-President**

**2011-2012**

**Board Member**

**2010-2011**

Helmets on Kids (OTLA)  
**Committee Chair** **2011-2013**  
**Started program in Halton in 2010 which runs every spring**  
**and has distributed over 1,250 helmets to elementary school children** **2010-present**

Martin & Hillyer Associates Annual Charitable Bowlathon  
**Volunteer for firm annual charity event which partners with local**  
**charities to raise funds. Past charities include City Kidz, Food4Kids,**  
**Autism Ontario (Halton Chapter), BIAPH, Woodland Children’s Centre**  
**and Halton Women’s Place.** **2001 - present**

Ontario Bar Association – Mentorship Program  
**Mentor to Junior Member of the Bar** **2013 – present**

#### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

**Ontario Trial Lawyers Spring & Fall Conferences – regular attendee**

**Criminal Lawyers Annual Conferences – regular annual attendee**

**Hamilton Law Association Conferences – regular annual attendee**

**Hamilton Joint-Insurance Seminar Conferences –regular annual attendee**

**American Association of Justice Conferences – regular annual attendee**

**Law Society of Upper Canada – Select courses including annual**  
**“Impaired and Over 80” and various other “6 Minute” Civil and Criminal**  
**Practitioner courses**

## OTHER EDUCATION

Burlington Art Centre <b>Photography Fundamentals 1</b>	<b>2010</b>
Burlington Art Centre <b>Photography Techniques</b>	<b>2012</b>
Burlington Art Centre <b>Adobe Lightroom – Weekend Course</b>	<b>2012</b>
Industrial Training & Design Ltd. <b>Intoxilyzer Breath Alcohol Technician</b> with instrument certification for the Intoxilyzer Models S-D2, S-D5, 400 and 5000 (Certificate issued under authority of the United States Department of Transportation, CFR 49 Part 50)	<b>April 2004</b>

## MEMBERSHIPS

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association  
Criminal Lawyers Association  
American Association for Justice (AAJ)  
Canadian Trial Lawyers Caucus (AAJ) – Caucus Stalwart  
Halton County Law Association  
Hamilton Law Association  
Ontario Bar Association  
Canadian Bar Association  
PEOPIL (Pan European Organization of Personal Injury Lawyers)