



# Stephanie Sugar

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## Bar Admission

Ontario 2013

## Law School

University of Western Ontario

## Practices

Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
Class Actions  
Corporate Commercial Litigation  
Products Liability

## Industries

Retail & Consumer Markets (RCM)  
Franchise & Distribution  
Food, Beverage & Agribusiness  
Consumer Products

Stephanie Sugar is a Partner in our litigation group. She works with the National Retail and Consumer Markets Group, and practices in the area of consumer protection and regulation, with a focus on complex commercial litigation, class actions defence, and franchise law. She has been counsel on cases before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court and all levels of Ontario's Courts, and is also involved with professional regulation and discipline matters.

Stephanie is the author of *Franchise Law in Canada*, a book that is national in focus detailing the developing legal principles in franchise law arising from the expansion of provincial regulations, and considering the intersections between the statutory regimes and common law.

## Recent Cases

- *Keatley Surveying v. Teranet Inc.* - defending successful summary judgment against a certified class action in a copyright infringement claim at the Supreme Court of Canada
- *Darmar Farms v. Syngenta Canada Inc.* - defending the successful motion by Syngenta to have a statement of claim struck pre-certification
- *Suzuki Foundation et al. v. Minister of Health et al* - successfully defending a judicial review seeking to challenge registrations of neonicotinoid pesticides

Receiving her JD from the University of Western Ontario in 2012, and an LLM in 2016, Stephanie's graduate work focused on the tensions and interaction between law and policy arising from the increasing shift towards consumer protectionism. She teaches Advanced Contracts at Western University, and has been a Sessional Lecturer teaching Class Actions at Queen's University.

Stephanie speaks at conferences, has written a number of articles and blogs on a variety of legal topics, and has received numerous awards for her contributions to her law school community and achievements in academics.

## Recent Experience

- **DIF Capital Partners acquires majority stake in Diverso Energy**  
May 04, 2023
- **Power Sustainable Lios and McCain Foods lead C\$150M investment in GoodLeaf Farms**  
December 07, 2022
- **Nestlé acquires core brands of The Bountiful Company for US\$5.75B**  
August 09, 2021

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## Recent Insights

- **Ontario Issues Consultation Paper on Consumer Protection Legislation**  
February 27, 2023
- **Rightfully Relegated: The Supreme Court Ends the Debate about Waiver of Tort**  
September 16, 2020