



## Ljiljana Stanic

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### Bar Admission

Ontario 2016

### Law School

University of Toronto

### Practices

Disputes and Litigation  
Appellate Litigation  
Corporate Commercial Litigation  
International Trade & Investment  
Environmental, Regulatory & Aboriginal (ERA)  
International Arbitration  
Procurement  
White Collar Defence and Investigations  
Estates and Trusts

## Ljiljana helps cross-border and domestic clients navigate commercial disputes.

Ljiljana's practice centres on assisting transnational and domestic clients with commercial disputes and international trade matters. She maintains a particular focus on class actions, procurement matters, and white collar crime and fraud investigations. She also has expertise in trusts and estates disputes.

Ljiljana has acted as lead or co-counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Canada, and all levels of court in Ontario. She has also represented clients before arbitral and administrative tribunals, including the Canadian International Trade Tribunal and the first binational panel under the new Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA/USMCA/T-MEC).

Ljiljana's recent significant mandates include:

- successfully representing the winner of a procurement in five judicial review applications (*Heiltsuk Horizon Maritime Services Ltd. v. Atlantic Towing Limited*, [2021 FCA 26](#))
- proposing, on behalf of a community group, a framework for considering "combined effect" discrimination claims under section 15.1 of the *Charter* adopted by the Supreme Court of Canada (*Ontario (Attorney General) v. G*, [2020 SCC 38](#))
- representing a Canadian bank in connection with litigation under Title III of the Helms-Burton Act
- representing a foreign national in a judicial review application concerning the application of sanctions law
- conducting an evaluation of the anti-corruption and compliance program of a major multinational corporation
- representing the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in *TELUS Communications Inc. v. Wellman*, an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada concerning the enforcement of arbitration agreements in proposed class proceedings
- representing a foreign company in a multi-jurisdiction price-fixing class action
- representing an international company in a \$400 million Canadian class action alleging unlawful competition
- representing a multi-national defence contractor in relation to a procurement award
- representing a foreign bank in relation to a Canadian fraud investigation

In addition to her private practice, Ljiljana is committed to providing pro bono legal assistance to individuals and organizations, where it will have the greatest impact. She is a supervising lawyer at the 519 Trans Id Clinic. She also provides summary legal advice through the

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Indigenous Human Rights Clinic, administered by Pro Bono Students Canada in collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres and Odawa Native Friendship Centre. Ljiljana provides representation on criminal trials and appeals in partnership with the University of Toronto's Downtown Legal Services legal aid clinic. She provides pro bono legal services to community groups in Canada and has represented them in interventions before the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as to organizations abroad in partnership with TrustLaw.

Ljiljana is actively engaged in the firm's [Inclusion Now](#) initiative, and on diversity and inclusion issues.

She currently serves on the board of Directors of Theatre Passe Muraille, an alternative Canadian theatre company dedicated to supporting and showcasing marginalized voices and independent and emerging artists and companies.

Ljiljana received her law degree from the University of Toronto, where she was Co-Editor-in-Chief of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review and a member of the Grand Moot team. During law school, she was awarded a fellowship sponsoring her work in forensic legal services. Ljiljana also studied at the University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law, with a focus on international and EU trade and development law.

Prior to entering law, Ljiljana received a SSHRC grant to conduct her graduate studies in epistemology and metaphysics at the University of Toronto, from which she holds both Honours Bachelor's and Master's degrees in philosophy.

Ljiljana is a member of the Law Society of Ontario, the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association, the Advocates' Society, and the Canadian Maritime Law Association.

## Recent Experience

- **CMHA Ontario framework for considering "combined effect" claims under s. 15 of the Charter adopted by the Supreme Court of Canada**  
November 20, 2020
- **Supreme Court of Canada rules business customers are bound by arbitration clauses in consumer class actions**  
April 04, 2019

## Recent Insights

- **Canada Adopts New Export Controls and Amends Process for Introducing Future Controls**  
June 30, 2021
- **Canada's Highest Court Recognizes that US Indigenous Communities Can Hold Constitutionally Protected Aboriginal Rights in Canada**  
April 29, 2021

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- **Supreme Court of Canada rules that Ontario sex offender registry law unconstitutionally discriminates on the basis of mental disability**

December 09, 2020

- **Canada Casts a Wider Sanctions Net Over Belarus**

October 19, 2020