



JULIA WILKES

Julia Wilkes is a partner at Adair Goldblatt Bieber LLP where she maintains an administrative law and civil litigation practice. She acts for a diverse client base in administrative proceedings including athletes, sports organizations, university students, regulated health professionals, and integrity commissioners. Julia also acts for clients in civil sexual assault matters, in corporate and commercial disputes, and in defence of directors and officers, accountants, and legal professionals.

During her career, Julia has acted as lead and co-counsel at trial and in administrative proceedings. Julia was recently named a Benchmark Canada Future Star and was included on the Benchmark Canada 40 and Under Hot List.

Julia is a life-long participant in the sports community as a student, athlete, coach, and board member. Julia was a member of the Queen's University Gaels soccer team. Julia obtained a Masters of Science, specializing in Biomechanics, which spurred her active interest in endurance sports. Julia is an age group triathlete and competed at the 2019 Ironman World Championships in Kona. Julia sits as the Secretary and a director of Triathlon Ontario.

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Board Memberships:

Secretary and Director,
Triathlon Ontario

Former Member, HIV/AIDS
Research Ethics Board

Education:

BSc/BPHE, Queen's
University, 2006

MSc, Biomechanics,
University of British
Columbia, 2008

JD, University of Toronto,
2011

Bar Admission:

Ontario (2012)

Professional Involvement:

The Advocates' Society

Canadian Bar Association

Representative Administrative and Related Work:

- Represented a group of student-athletes in an internal university proceeding after the individuals were suspended from competition
- Represented a provincial sports organization in a coach discipline proceeding
- Represented a coach in a defamation matter
- Provided advice to athletes in sponsorship disputes, contractual dispute with former coach, and preparing submissions for potential selection issue
- Provided advice to municipal and school board integrity commissioners during their investigation and reporting processes
- Represented university students in discipline proceedings (academic and non-academic, including sexual harassment) and in appeals of various decisions at seven universities in Ont.
- Represented faculty members in respect of internal complaints at Ontario universities
- Represented nurses and pharmacists in investigations by their regulatory organization and in an appeal to the Health Professions Review Board
- Represented regulatory bodies in proceedings to enjoin individuals from practicing law or medicine without a license

Select Speaking Engagements:

- Councillor Misconduct on Social Media, Municipal Integrity Commissioners of Ontario, October 2019
- Interim Measures, Osgoode Hall Professional Development Intensive Course in Responding to Campus Sexual Violence, May 2019
- Preparation of Written Materials, Ontario Bar Association CPD on Motions in Legal Proceedings, September 2018