

MICHELE BALLAGH



Partner, Lawyer & Trade-mark Agent

Admitted to Ontario Bar: 1999

Registered Trade-mark Agent: 2000

Education:

Bachelor of Arts, University of Toronto, 1990
Bachelor of Laws, Queen's University, 1997

Memberships:

Law Society of Upper Canada
Hamilton Law Association
Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC)

Practice Areas:

Michele Ballagh practices in the area of intellectual property law. Her solicitor's practice includes the prosecution of trade-mark and copyright applications as well as the review of agreements involving intellectual property rights. Her barrister's practice includes litigation in all areas of intellectual property law.

Summary of Experience:

For almost 10 years, Michele Ballagh worked at the Hamilton Office of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP. In November 2007, Michele set up her own practice and on January 1, 2009, she became a founding partner of Ballagh & Edward LLP.

As an advocate, Michele has appeared at almost all levels and divisions of the Ontario Courts and at both levels of the Federal Court of Canada. She writes regularly and presents seminars on intellectual property topics for both the legal profession and various community groups.

Michele is also an active member of the Hamilton Law Association (where she currently serves as vice-chair of the Corporate Commercial Committee), the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (where she sits on the International Trade-mark Issues Committee) and the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (where she is a past chair of the Creative Industries Sub-Committee and the Science, Technology and Innovation Committee).

Personal:

When not engaged in professional activities, Michele enjoys spending time with her Labrador Retriever, Snuffles, and during the summer months, spends many weekends paddling her red canoe, Belle, in the wilds of Northern Ontario. Each spring for the last 11 years, she has also paddled a bit more quickly on a dragonboat team known as Phoenix. Paddles up!