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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Charity & Not-For-Profit

EXPERTISE

Tax | Charities & Not-For-Profit | Corporate Governance | Corporate Law

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2013

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Windsor, 2012
- B.A. (communications), University of Calgary, 2007

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

A partner in the Social Impact Group, Natasha Smith's practice is dedicated exclusively to the provision of practical legal advice to a broad array of local, national, and international charities and non-profits. She skillfully guides these organizations through complex issues like corporate governance and tax compliance,

ensuring they achieve their goals effectively. Natasha excels in structuring mergers, advising on social enterprises and social finance, and simplifying legal complexities for her clients.

Natasha's insightful publications exhibit her commitment to staying at the forefront of legal developments in the charitable sector, making her a top choice for organizations in need of skillful legal guidance. Outside of the office, she is also a dedicated community volunteer, having served on a number of non-profit and charity boards.

Natasha is not just any lawyer – she's a dynamic leader in her field. From being named a Rising Star by Lexpert Magazine to winning accolades as an Emerging Leader in Social Impact, Natasha's deep knowledge and experience shine through. As an Adjunct Professor at Western University, she imparts her knowledge to future legal minds with passion and clarity. Natasha has been ranked for a number of years in the Canadian Lexpert Directory and in the Chambers Canada Legal Guide. Natasha is also a proud 2020/21 CivicAction DiverseCity Fellow.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *Chambers Canada Up and Coming lawyer* – Charities/Not-For-Profit, 2024-2025
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* – Charities/Not-For-Profit Law, 2021-2024
- Recognized as an Emerging Leader (Social Impact), *The Peak*, 2022
- Adjunct Professor, Charity and Non-Profit Law, Western University, Faculty of Law, 2022
- Rising Star, Leading Lawyers Under 40 in Canada, Lexpert Magazine, 2021

Thought leadership

- Up the Creek without a Paddle: The Law Relating to Unincorporated Associations, *Estates Trusts & Pensions Journal*, December, 2020
- Major Developments In Political Activities Rules For Canadian Charities, *The Exempt Organization Tax Review*, January, 2019
- Lawyers on Non-Profit Boards – What You Should Think About Before You Say 'Yes'
- New Developments Encourage Proactive Tax Planning, *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, November, 2015
- Charity as a Vehicle for Social Enterprise, *The Social Entrepreneur*, co-authored with Kate Lazier November 26, 2015

- 2014 Primer for Donors, *Taxes and Wealth Management*, Issue 7-5, November, 2014
- Proposed Changes to Charitable Gifts by Will, *Taxes and Wealth Management*, Issue 7-4, co-authored with Andrew Valentine, October, 2014
- CRA Reports on its Non-Profit Organization Risk Identification Project, *Ontario Bar Association's Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section newsletter*, May, 2014

Community roles

- Director, The Empire Club of Canada
- Past-Chair, Ontario Bar Association Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section Executive, 2021-2022
- Member, Advisory Council, hErVOLUTION
- Chair, Ontario Bar Association Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section Executive, 2020-2021
- Director, Vice-Chair, and Chair, Governance and Nominations Committee, ACCESS Community Capital Fund Inc., 2017-2021
- Fellow, CivicAction DiverseCity Leadership Fellowship, 2020/21

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association: Charities/Not-for-Profit and Taxation Law Sections
- Canadian Association of Gift Planners
- Charity Law Association (UK)
- Canadian Association of Black Lawyers