

# Cassels



## Laurie LaPalme

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### Expertise

- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Banking & Specialty Finance
- Business
- Mergers & Acquisitions

## Biography

Laurie LaPalme\* is a partner in the Insurance & Reinsurance Group at Cassels. Laurie practises corporate and commercial law, with an emphasis on corporate and regulatory insurance matters, transactions, corporate reorganizations, and governance involving both public and private companies. Laurie's clients include both domestic and foreign life and general insurance companies, insurance agents and brokers, reinsurance companies and other financial services clients. Laurie's corporate and insurance regulatory practice involves mergers and acquisitions, portfolio transfers, demutualization, corporate reorganizations, formation of insurers, federal and provincial licensing, corporate governance, compliance matters and working with both federal and provincial regulators.

Laurie also advises her insurance clients in connection with the establishment and operation of captive insurers, self-funded deductible programs and other risk retention and transfer structures. Laurie assists clients with respect to entry into Canada, including the incorporation, organization and financing of their companies, the drafting of shareholder, partnership and joint venture agreements, purchase and sale agreements, as well as the drafting of a range of commercial agreements, outsourcing agreements, security agreements and service agreements.

Recognized as a leader in her field, *Chambers Canada* notes that clients say that Laurie is "absolutely an expert and that comes across clearly in the work." She regularly organizes and presents seminars to clients and professional associations and has authored numerous articles on various insurance regulatory issues of current interest. Laurie is also a frequent contributor to firm publications.

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## Achievements

- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Financial Institutions Regulation – Ontario)
- *Chambers Canada* (Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory)
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Insurance & Reinsurance)

## Client Commentary

- "A smart, hard-working and strategic lawyer with good relationships with the local regulator." – *Chambers Canada (Insurance)*
- "Has a 'very open and collegial' working style and an 'absolutely an expert and that comes across clearly in the work.'" – *Chambers Canada (Insurance)*
- "Very personable, well known in the industry and knows the market." – *Chambers Canada (Insurance)*
- "She is able to explain complex matters in a way that a person who is not a lawyer can understand." – *Chambers Canada (Insurance)*
- "She is very accessible and has a very rounded knowledge of this space." – *Chambers Canada (Insurance)*

## Insights

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- COVID-19 Impact: Business Interruption Insurance Issues
- Cyber Breaches: OSFI Demands the Details
- OSFI Issues Final Corporate Governance Guideline

## **Education / Bar Admissions**

- LL.B., Western University, 1998
- B.B.A. (Hons.), Wilfrid Laurier University, 1995
- Ontario, 2000
- New York, 2001

## **Associations**

- American Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association