



## Kayla Smith

Associate

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### Expertise

- Litigation
- Universities & Colleges
- Franchise
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Product Liability

### Biography

Kayla Smith is an associate in the Litigation Group at Cassels and maintains a broad corporate commercial and civil litigation practice.

Prior to joining Cassels as an associate, Kayla was both a summer student and an articling student at the firm. She received her J.D. from the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, of which she graduated as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2020. She also holds a Joint-Honours Bachelor of Social Science in Political Science and Public Administration in the French Immersion Program from the University of Ottawa.

During law school, Kayla was an Executive Member of the Black Law Students' Association of Canada, and sat on her law schools' Admission Committee, Student Law Society, Faculty Council, Women and the Law Club, the Equity and Diversity Committee and the Transforming Windsor Law Building Cabinet Committee. Kayla was also awarded a Windsor Law Social Justice Fellowship and has appeared before the Senate of Canada to present research on millennial involvement in the charitable sector.

Kayla is an advocate for increasing access to legal education for Black students in Canada. She is the founder of the Lloyd Dean Moot, an oral advocacy competition geared to support undergraduate students with an interest in the law.

### Recent Representative Work

- Cassels Wins Appeal on Disputed Oral Contract to Buy Family Home

### Insights

- Ontario's Civil Rules Review: A Comprehensive Overhaul Proposed for Ontario's Rules of Civil Procedure
- Ontario Court Swipes Right on Toronto School Board's Product Liability and Public Nuisance Claims Against Social Media Companies
- "Dakin" A Closer Look at the Resale Exemption and

## **Pro Bono & Community Involvement**

- JD Bridges Foundation (Founder & Director)
- Lloyd Dean Moot, University of Windsor Faculty of Law (Founder)
- Director of Moot, Julius Isaac Alexander – Black Law Students' Association of Canada (2018-2019)
- Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS) (2021-2022)

## **Education / Bar Admissions**

- J.D., University of Windsor, 2020
- Ontario, 2021

## **Associations**

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Durham Region Lawyers' Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Black Female Legal Network
- International Bar Association