



Curriculum Vitae of L. Michael Shannon



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Professional Background

1985-86	Articles with Phelan, O'Brien, Shannon & Lawer
1987	Called to the Bar
1987-88	Lyons, Goodman, Iacono, Smith & Berkow
1988-1993	Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
1993-present	Partner – Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
1996-2001	Member of the Executive Committee – Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
1997-1998	Managing Partner – Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
1998-2001	Deputy Managing Partner - Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP Specializing in Catastrophic Plaintiff Personal Injury Claims.

Education

Undergraduate	McMaster University, 1982, B.A. Hamilton, Ontario
Law School	Osgoode Hall Law School, 1985, LL.B. Toronto, Ontario

Author

Without Prejudice, December 1988
"The Waddams Report"

Without Prejudice, April 1991
"Class Actions: They are closer than you think!"

Lexpert, January 2000, Introduction to the Personal Injury Law Practice Area for Canada
"Recent Developments in Personal Injury"

Lexpert, January 2001, Introduction to the Personal Injury Law Practice Area for Canada
"Recent Developments in Personal Injury"

The Lawyers Weekly, September 2001
"Loss of Interdependent Relationship Claim under-used"

The Lawyers Weekly, November 2001
"The Lost Years: calculating loss of future earning capacity"

Lexpert, January 2005, Introduction to the Personal Injury Law Practice Area for Canada
"Recent Developments in Personal Injury"

The Lawyers Weekly, July 2005, "Strategic Issues Between Auto and Long Term Disability Claims"

Lexpert, January 2006, Introduction to the Personal Injury Law Practice Area for Canada
"The apportionment of Liability when one fails to wear their seatbelt"

The Lawyers Weekly, December 2006
"Booster seat – Ontario finally recognizes their importance – Why don't parents?"

Lecturer

Telemedicine, April 1988
"Civil Litigation in the Ontario Justice System"

Melvin Belli Annual Seminar, July 1991
"Law in Canada"

A.T.L.A. Annual Conference, July 1991
"Handling the Personal Injury Case in Ontario"

The Continuing Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia, May 1992
"Life After No-fault: The Ontario Experience"

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association (O.T.L.A.) Conference, February 1993
"Class Actions"

O.T.L.A. Conference, October 1993
"How to Handle an AIDS Case"

Queen's University Faculty of Law, March 1994
"Class Proceedings Act 1992"

Evaluating and Managing Closed Head Injury Claims, June 1994
"The Post-Bill 164 Era"

O.T.L.A. Conference, October 1994
"Death of a Salesman-Section 17 W.C.A.T. Appeals"

O.T.L.A. Conference, October 1995
"Sanctions for the Destruction of Evidence"

Rehabilitation Management Inc. Annual Conference, January 1996
"OMEGA-The Future of Automobile Insurance in Ontario"

The Hills are alive with the Sounds of Litigators, Whistler, British Columbia, April 1996
"Class Proceedings in light of the Ontario Experience"

Developing a Personal Injury Practice: Capitalizing on New Opportunities, May 1996
"Practice Development, Client Management & Case Selection"

Advocates' Society – Practical Strategies VI, October 1996
"Negotiating the Maze: Conditions to the Commencement of an Action Under Bill 59"

Strategic Use of Demonstrative Evidence in Civil Cases, December 1996
"Effective and Innovative Demonstrative Evidence in Personal Injury Actions"

Health Professionals in the Legal Arena, November 1997
"What You Need to Know About the Legal Process"

Difficult Spinal Cord and Nerve Damage Injury Claims: Protecting Yourself...Protecting Your Client, December 1997
"Serious Money I: Rehabilitation and Future Care"

The Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment, September 1999
"Releasing Records, Clinical Notes and Protocols"

Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, November 1999
"The Duty to Mitigate: Does the Claimant Have a Duty to "Get Better"?"

The National Business Institute, February 2000
"Current Issues in Personal Injury Practice"

O.T.L.A. Fall Conference, October 2000
"Proving Loss of Competitive Advantage"

2nd Annual Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, November 2000
"Rights and Obligations Regarding the Claimant's Duty to Mitigate"

Medical Malpractice Retreat, Banff, Alberta, February 2001
"Informed Consent and Proving Battery"

The Advanced Course on Insurance Litigation, May 2001
"Presenting the Plaintiff's Case: The Use of Experts in Personal Injury Actions"

O.T.L.A. Spring Conference, June 2001
"Homeowner's Insurance Policies: Is the Defendant Protected?"

Auto Insurance Claims involving Brain Injury and Psychological Disability, September 2001
"Brain Injuries and Psychological Disabilities: Key Considerations for Trial"

Law Society of Upper Canada, October 2001
"Opening Statement to a Judge Alone"

Medical Misconduct and Malpractice, March 2002
"Preparing for the Litigation: Legal Perspectives of the Plaintiff"

2nd Annual Conference on Insurance Litigation, June 2002
"Navigating Privilege in Insurance Cases: How Much Harder is it Becoming?"

Advanced Forum on Litigating Damages, September 2002
"Innovative, Tactical and Practical Discovery Strategies to Make the Case For Punitive Damages"

Auto Insurance Claims Litigation, October 2002
"Initial Steps and Requirements for Commencing Auto Insurance Litigation"

4th Annual Conference on Litigating Insurance Disability Claims, November 2002
"Assessing the Risk of Relapse"

O.T.L.A. Fall Conference 2003,
"Future Losses Damages Workshop"

Auto Insurance Claims Litigation, December 2003,
"Reforms to the Threshold: The way ahead for Tort Claims from the Plaintiff's Perspective"

2nd National Forum on Litigating Damages, February 2004
"Pleadings and Productions: Do's and Don'ts in a Case for Damages"

Auto Insurance Claims Litigation in Ontario After Bill 198, June 2004,
"Unravelling the Complexities of Mental Disorder or Mild Brain Injury Cases – Managing the Legal File"

O.T.L.A. Fall Conference 2004,
"How to...Prove Economic Damages with no Earnings History"

3rd Annual Forum on Litigating Personal Injury Damages, February 2005,
"Mitigation of Damages"

Litigating Disability and Auto Insurance Claims, April 2005,
"Strategic Issues between Auto (Tort and No-Fault) and Long Term Disability Claims"

St. Michael's Hospital, September 2006,
"Life after a Spinal Cord Injury"

Litigating Catastrophic Disability and Damages, September 2007,
"Traumatic Brain Injuries in Children – Addressing Medical and Legal Challenges"

Litigating Catastrophic Disability and Damages, September 2007,
"Attendant Care – Claims and Damages Strategies"

Forensic Engineering and Materials Course at the University of Toronto, October 2007, Cross-Examination Demonstration of an Engineer

Litigating Motor Vehicle Accident Claims, Insight Conferences

September 2009,

"Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Cases: Confronting the Special Medical and Legal Challenges"

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association's Fall Conference 2009,

"Mea Culpa – Order of Witnesses"

Litigating Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Cases, Insight Conferences

February 26, 2010,

Tactics and Strategies in Advancing Traumatic Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury Cases – A Plaintiff's Perspective

International Competition for Mediation Advocacy, March 9, 2011, Judge

Awards

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, In recognition of Recruitment Efforts, 1990-1991

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Distinguished Service Award, October 22, 2004

Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario, Recipient of award for Outstanding Volunteer Support, September 2006

Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario, Recipient of the 2008 Volunteer Tribute Award, June 2008

Board and Committee Memberships

Current Director and Member of the Executive Committee, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association

Co-Chair, 1st Annual Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Conference 1993

Co-Chair, Fall Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Conference Fall 1995

Co-Chair, Canadian Membership Committee, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 1995

Chair, Difficult Spinal Cord and Nerve Damage Injury Claims: Protecting Yourself...Protecting Your Client, December 1997

Co-Chair, The Canadian Institute's 3rd Annual Forum on Litigating Personal Injury Damages, February 25, 2005

Chair of the Organizing and Fundraising Committee, Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario, Annual Wheelchair Relay for Toronto, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007

Past Trustee, Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association

Past Member of Council, Canadian Bar Association – Ontario

Past Member of the Student Advisory Committee, Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Past State Delegate for the Province of Ontario, Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Past Member of the Board of Directors of The National Ballet School

Co-Chair, Litigating Catastrophic Disability and Damages, September 2007

Co-Chair, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Conference, Marco Island Florida, March 2008

Co-Chair, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Spring Conference 2008, Liability Toolbox 2, May 2008

Professional Memberships

Recognized by Lexpert as one of the leading Lawyers in the area of Personal Injury Law

Recognized as one of the best lawyers in Canada in Personal Injury Law in 2006-2010 by *The Best Lawyers in Canada*

Recognized in *Law Days* Leading Lawyers For Personal Injury Law in Canada

Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association

Canadian Bar Association – Ontario

American Association For Justice

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association

Advocates' Society