


# Michael B. Fraleigh

## Partner

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Michael has extensive experience in all aspects of health law.

He has significant expertise in the representation of physicians, dentists, nurses and other health care practitioners in regulatory matters including complaints, discipline, quality assurance, fitness to practice and registration issues. He has also represented numerous physicians in hospital privilege disputes as well as in medical malpractice actions. He also advises corporations and institutions with respect to health law issues. Michael is the co-author of *The Law of Acute Care Medicine* published by Thomson Reuters which addresses the complexities that arise when medicine, law, and ethics intersect in the treatment and caring for acutely ill patients.

Michael is also an experienced medical malpractice litigator. Having defended physicians in medical malpractice cases for more than 10 years and having represented plaintiffs for 15 years, he is well placed to advocate on behalf of parties involved in malpractice disputes.

In addition to his health law practice, Michael also handles civil litigation matters including personal injury, high tech litigation, general commercial litigation, product liability, wrongful dismissal and human rights.

Michael has served as lead counsel in matters before all levels of court in Ontario, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, and various tribunals including the Discipline Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, College of Chiropodists, College of Audiologists and Speech Language Therapists, as well as the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board, Health Services Appeal and Review Board, Medical Advisory Committees and the Board of Governors of various hospitals. He has also represented numerous parties at Coroners Inquests.

Michael has chaired and spoken at numerous continuing education programs for lawyers as well as health care practitioners on issues relating to health law and medical malpractice.

## PRACTICE AREAS

**Administrative and Regulatory**

**Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

**Health**

## Education & Memberships

### EDUCATION

**Admitted to Ontario Bar, 1986**

**University of Ottawa, J.D., 1984**

**Queen's University B.A., 1981**

### MEMBERSHIPS

**Law Society of Ontario**

**Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section**

**Canadian Bar Association**

**Toronto Lawyers Association**

**Medico-Legal Society of Toronto**

## Awards & Recognition

**The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory**  
[Medical Negligence](#)

**The Best Lawyers™ in Canada**  
[Health Care Law and Medical Negligence](#)

**Silver Medalist, University of Ottawa, 1984**

## Speaking Engagements & Publications

Hospital Privileges and Credentialing

Medical Industry Complaint, Discipline, Fitness, Quality Assurance and Registration

Medical Industry Professional Liability Claims and Insurance

Medical Malpractice

Mental Health

Reproductive Technologies

## Recent Insights

### CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

**41 Lawyers Profiled Across 24 Areas of Law in The Best Lawyers in Canada, 2024**

Announcement, Recognition

**2022 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory**

Recognition

**Giving Back to a Cause Close to Home**

Community

### HEALTH

**New Guidelines For Maintaining Health Privacy In Virtual Care**

Article

### HEALTH

**The Law of Acute Care Medicine**

Publication

### HEALTH

**Can A Physician Refuse to Work During COVID-19?**

COVID-19 Resource

### HEALTH

**Caution for Physicians During COVID-19**

COVID-19 Resource

**Managing a Healthcare Pandemic**

Reducing and Managing the Legal Risks, Program Director, Osgoode Professional Development, January 19, 2021

**Medico-Legal Issues in Providing Care During COVID-19, Speaker**

The Medio-Legal Society of Toronto, August 11, 2020

**The Osgoode Hall Law School Certificate in Clinical Risk**

Negligence and Claims Management, Program Director and Lecturer, 2011-2022

**Lexpert's 10th Annual Privacy and Data Protection Seminar, Speaker**

Health Sector Privacy Issues Update, November 27, 2018

**Legal Risk Management in Documentation and Charting for Nurses**

Osgoode Professional Development Program, Lecturer, November 2016

**Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar**

January 21, 2013, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Causation: An Advanced Symposium**

December 7, 2012, Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators, Lecturer

**Assisted Reproduction Presentation**

October 18, 2012, Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Nursing Malpractice Seminar**

April 21, 2012, Legal Nurse Consultant Association of Canada, Lecturer

**Surrogacy Presentation**

March 14, 2012, 519 Community Centre, Lecturer

**CME@SEA Cardio-Pulmonary Update 2012**

February 4 to 16, 2012, Lecturer

**Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar**

January 16, 2012, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Presentation for LAWS Program for high school teachers**

November 18, 2011, Flavelle House at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Lecturer

**Assisted Human Reproduction Presentation**

September 22, 2011, Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Presentation for LAWS students**

August 2, 2011, Flavelle House at the University of Toronto, Lecturer

**The Osgoode Hall Law School Certificate in**

**Clinical Risk Management for Nurses**

June 15, 2011, Osgoode Professional Development Conference Centre, Lecturer

**Medical Malpractice Presentation**

May 18, 2011, Central Technical School, Lecturer

**Lecture on Health Law to medical students**

March 7, 2011, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar**

January 17, 2011, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Medical Malpractice Presentation on Four Leading Cases**

April 6, 2010, Osgoode Professional Development Centre, Lecturer

**Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar**

March 31, 2010, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Lecturer and Panel Member - The Osgoode Hall Law School Certificate in Health Law**

March 26, 2010, Osgoode Professional Development Conference Centre

**Mock Coroner's Inquest, March 4, 2010**

Medico-Legal Society of Toronto, Participant

**Mock Hearing for University of Toronto HPARB Program**

January 5, 2010, Participant

**Professional & Community Involvement**

**Past President, Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto (current)**

**President, Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto (2021 -2023)**

**Director and Chair of Fund Development, Alzheimer's Society of Ontario (2016 -2023)**

**President, Medico-Legal Society of Toronto (2010 - 2011)**

**Director, Alzheimer's Society of Toronto (2006 -2015)**

**Past Chair, Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section**