



Breanna Young

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE



Dear Tracey McCague-McElrea:

Re: 2023 OE Board of Director Application

I am writing to express my continued interest in serving as a member of the board of directors for Ontario Equestrian. As a lifelong equestrian, competitor and a committed supporter of the equestrian community, I believe I have the skills, experience, and dedication necessary to help guide the organization in fulfilling its mission.

I am reapplying to the board of directors as I remain passionate about the work of Ontario Equestrian, and I am committed to contributing to the organization's continued success. My previous experience serving on the board has given me valuable insight into the organization's operations, strengths, and areas for improvement. I am confident that I can make a meaningful contribution to the board's efforts to support the equestrian community in Ontario.

As a board member, I would bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organization, along with a commitment to ensuring that the needs of equestrians are met. I am passionate about promoting and preserving the equestrian way of life, and I believe that my skills in risk assessment, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and collaboration would make me an asset to the board.

Further, I would bring a unique perspective to the organization, informed by my legal background and experience. I would be able to offer guidance and insight on legal and regulatory issues that affect the equestrian community, as well as provide support in the development and implementation of policies and procedures that promote accountability and transparency.





Additionally, my experience as a practicing lawyer has further honed my skills in contract negotiation, risk management, and compliance. I believe that my legal expertise would be an asset to the board, particularly in situations where legal or regulatory issues arise. Further, my experience in managing legal and business risks would also enable me to contribute to the development of effective risk management strategies for the organization.

I am excited about the opportunity to continue to serve on the board of directors for Ontario Equestrian, and I remain committed to contributing to the organization's success. It would be a privilege to continue to work with this esteemed group of board members with common interests and be provided with the opportunity to shape the future of the industry. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to having the opportunity to meet with you and discuss my application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Breanna Young





EDUCATION

- 2020  **Called to the Ontario Bar**
- 2016 | 2019  **University of Ottawa** - Ottawa, ON
Juris Doctor
Nelligan, O'Brien, Payne First-Year Moot Competition Participant
- 2015  **Investment Funds Institute of Canada** - Toronto, ON
Canadian Investment Funds Course
- 2011 | 2015  **Wilfrid Laurier University** - Waterloo, ON
Bachelor of Business Administration
Graduated with High Distinction (Top 9 of 400+)
Specialization Option in Supply Chain Management

Academic Achievements

- Dean's Honour List - University of Ottawa (2017 - 2019)
- Emond Harnden Entrance Scholarship - University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (2016)
- Supply Chain Management Scholarship - Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Business (2015)
- Dean's Honour Roll - Wilfrid Laurier University (2011 - 2015)

EXPERIENCE

- July 2021 | Present  **Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP** - Toronto, Ontario
Corporate Lawyer
- Provides counsel on a wide range of corporate law matters, including mergers, acquisitions, corporate reorganizations and private equity sponsored transactions
 - Works closely with clients at each stage of a transaction, from collaborating with clients at the outset of negotiating the terms of the deal to advising clients on closing the transaction
 - Provides counsel to clients on general commercial and business law matters related to the day-to-day activities of their business
- Nov 2020 | July 2021  **Torkin Manes LLP** - Toronto, Ontario
Corporate Lawyer
- Provides counsel on a wide range of corporate law matters, including mergers, acquisitions, corporate reorganizations and private equity sponsored transactions
 - Works closely with clients at each stage of a transaction, from collaborating with clients at the outset of negotiating the terms of the deal to advising clients on closing the transaction



EXPERIENCE

May 2018 | June 2020



- Provides counsel to clients on general commercial and business law matters related to the day-to-day activities of their business

Torkin Manes LLP - Toronto, Ontario *Articling and Summer Student*

- Assisted in all aspects of a variety of corporate transactions; completed due diligence using datarooms, analyzed and summarized corporate and individual searches, drafted closing agendas and ancillary transaction documents, prepared disclosure schedules and exhibits, prepared signature packages, communicated with clients and opposing counsel, organized and compiled executed documents and prepared indices and record books of completed transactions
- Held full carriage of a small claims file, drafted pleadings, attended settlement conferences, attended assessment hearings, interviewed and advised clients on the progress of their matter
- Conducted legal research, drafted submissions, managed trial exhibits and attended trial for a construction lien action
- Appeared before a Construction Lien Master in ex parte court to vacate construction liens and prepared all necessary court documents
- Conducted legal research in various areas of law including commercial litigation, wills and estates, charities law and construction litigation using Westlaw, ProView, Lexis Advance and CanLII, and prepared detailed memos analyzing findings

May 2017 | Aug 2017



Woodman Architect & Associates Ltd. - Ottawa, Ontario *Architect Assistant*

- Visited various project sites to monitor construction progress, note any deficiencies and ensure the actual work performed was compliant with the required specifications and contract documents
- Produced written field review reports after each visit to fulfil the performance standard required by the client-architect agreement
- Designed and constructed a professional website for the firm

Publications

- Breanna Young, "Equine law: Protecting you and your four-legged friend" *The Lawyer's Daily*, (Jan 2020.)
- Breanna Young, "Uncovering the gap: the Horse Riding Safety Act" *The Lawyer's Daily*, (Feb 2020)
- Breanna Young, "Effect of new transportation regulations on equine industry: What to expect" *The Lawyer's Daily* (Feb 2020)
- Breanna Young, "Impact of COVID-19 on equine farms and facility operations" *The Lawyer's Daily* (Apr 2020)
- Breanna Young, "Business continuity planning for equine farms and equestrian operations" *The Lawyer's Daily* (Apr 2020)



EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Experience

Board Member - Ontario Equestrian

(June 2020 - Present)

Monitor and advise the Provincial Sport Organization that governs amateur equestrian sports in Ontario

Peer/Wellness Mentor - University of Ottawa

(2017 - 2019)

- Assisted students with adjusting to law school by introducing them to the services and facilities at the school and the city of Ottawa
- Helped students adjust to law school by organizing team-building events, summary/note taking/reading/exam preparation sessions, course selection sessions and preparing them for the recruitment process
- Promoted wellness, positive coping strategies, work-life balance and helped to reduce the stigma around mental health
- Acted as a role model and liaison between students, faculty and student groups/clubs and referred students to appropriate services
- Attended mindfulness training through the Ottawa Mindfulness Clinic in preparation for the role as a mentor

Vice President of Finance - Business Law

(2017 - 2018)

- Organized business-related firm tours and speaking engagements for students
- Prepared budget materials and coordinated fund distribution for club events

Trillium & Ontario Hunter Jumper Association Competitor (2003 - 2019)

- Responsible for the safety, care and training of the animal at all times throughout the year as well as during the competitive season
- Developed horsemanship, leadership, responsibility and a strong work ethic while earning top ribbons in various divisions

