



Yolande Dufresne

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With an engineering background in systems design, Yolande brings scientific knowledge and intellectual property skills to help clients navigate the regulatory complexities of the life sciences and technology sectors.

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Overview

Yolande advises clients with regulated products in the medical device, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and food industries. She has in-depth knowledge across a broad range of areas, including market access, reimbursement, supply chain management, research and design, product licensing, labelling and advertising, product recalls and corrective actions, as well as privacy matters.

In addition to her food and drug regulatory experience, Yolande advises on intellectual property and related transactions, including the acquisition, enforcement and exploitation of patents, trademarks, copyrights and industrial designs. She regularly helps clients manage the risks related to their intellectual property assets and has extensive experience drafting, filing and prosecuting patent and trademark applications, as well as advising on the validity, patentability and infringement of intellectual property rights. Yolande is also engaged in dynamic and complex matters involving the intersection of artificial intelligence and intellectual property, including copyrights.

Yolande is a registered trademark agent in Canada.



Yolande Dufresne is always accessible, open to discussion and sharing of risk considerations. She is an incredible partner to us.

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Featured Work

Yolande has worked with leading international companies to support regulatory and intellectual property aspects of their operations in Canada, including advertising, intellectual property protection and enforcement, privacy, confidentiality,

relationships with healthcare providers and regulators, market access, compliance and the development of standard operating procedures and policy manuals regarding the same. She also regularly supports clients in drafting and negotiating agreements relating to supply and distribution, intellectual property licensing, procurement, clinical trials, research and development, co-promotion, marketing and confidentiality.

Catalyst Pharmaceuticals in its commercial agreement with Kye Pharmaceuticals Inc., granting Kye the exclusive Canadian commercial rights to AGAMREE® (vamorolone), a novel corticosteroid for the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

technology companies in guidance on privacy compliance in Canada, including the development of privacy policies for the Canadian marketplace and management of privacy breach events

medical device manufacturers in discussions with Health Canada to confirm appropriate product classification and licensing requirements for novel and complex device technologies

large multinational health product developers in advice on its obligations for conducting medical device and drug product clinical trials in Canada, including Health Canada clinical trial authorizations, patient consent forms and site agreements

software developers in advice on the regulation of software and mobile apps as medical devices in Canada, including medical device licensing requirements with Health Canada

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Recognition and Awards

2026 *Chambers Canada*— Up and coming lawyer in Life sciences: regulatory/compliance

2025 *The Legal 500*—Leading associate in cannabis

Insights

Advancing Canada's AI-driven medical imaging industry: Q&A with Phil Boyer of INOVAIT

Canada is considered a hotspot for AI-driven medical imaging research, but a gap remains between its development and adoption. Torys and INOVAIT Canada discuss the industry's challenges and a potential framework for growth.

Health Canada launches new public search portal and updated guidance for clinical trials

Updates to the new interpretation of the Canada Health Act

Health Canada introduces new efforts to expedite review of drug submissions

How to Mitigate Risk and Protect Your Innovation

How is AI transforming the life sciences industry?

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Bulletin on Changes to USMCA Featured in The Patent Lawyer

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Professional Involvement

Yolande is a member of MedTech Canada (allied), the Food and Drug Law Institute and the Licensing Executives Society.

Yolande has lectured on aspects of IP law and technology transfer for Sunnybrook's MedVentions Program, the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, and Ontario Genomics' BioCreate Program.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2010

Western University Faculty of Law

BASc (Honours), 2007

University of Waterloo

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2011

New York, 2018