



# Julie Himo

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Julie is a highly regarded advisor to Canadian and multinational clients across industries in their cybersecurity governance, conducting strategic risk and privacy assessments and providing counsel on a wide variety of privacy issues.

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## Overview

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Julie frequently acts as breach coach for clients and has considerable experience with all types of cyber incidents, including cyber extortion in the context of information theft, DDoS attacks, large-scale ransomware attacks, sophisticated hacking, malware and phishing attacks, lost and stolen laptops, drives and paper information, and data breaches impacting payment cards and PCI rules. With many of these incidents having international implications, Julie is experienced in coordinating notification and regulatory filing efforts across multiple countries.

Julie has served as a breach coach for Canadian and international insurance companies and represented numerous policyholders in responding to data security incidents, covering Canada, the U.S. and various other countries in various fields, including dealing with PCI DSS and other related reporting obligations. She also has experience in the education sector, advising universities and other institutions subject to cyberattacks, working with forensic experts during the investigation and guiding them through their regulatory and PR responses.

In addition to her breach coach work, Julie conducts strategic risk and privacy assessments; counsels clients on “privacy by design” for new products and marketing initiatives, including supporting consumer engagement activities, such as marketing and contests; advises on CASL compliance; and intervenes on a wide variety of privacy issues, including risk mitigation from the use of artificial intelligence. She also assists clients with strategic requests to obtain material information for business or legal purposes and with resisting the disclosure of important confidential information before institutions, regulators and the courts.

Julie also has extensive experience in commercial litigation and has acted on major disputes in a diverse range of areas, including commercial fraud, contractual disputes, shareholder disputes, bankruptcy and insolvency, take-overs by means of plans of arrangement, as well as corporate and securities matters. She has also represented client in numerous disputes involving extraordinary remedies such as seizures and injunctions.

Julie is fluent in French, English and Arabic.



Julie is very competent and knowledgeable. She has the ability to synthesise complex matters and her suggestions and communications are very clear, making it really easy to come up with efficient strategies.'

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## Featured Work

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a multinational software developer in investigations by Canadian privacy regulators concerning protocols around the collection of credit card data

an investment advisor in its handling and response to two significant data breaches

a leading airplane manufacturer in handling a ransomware incident where a threat actor used a vulnerability in a third-party application used by the manufacturer to access and exfiltrate personal information of employees and sensitive commercial data

the trustee in the bankruptcy proceedings of Montréal C'est Électrique, including in filings brought before the Québec Superior Court and the Québec Court of Appeal concerning the City of Montréal's claim to C'est Électrique's only realizable asset

Daniels SharpSmart in a contestation of the legality and reasonableness of an award of a public contract in the medical waste industry

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## Recognition and Awards

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2023-2025 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in privacy and data protection

2020-2023 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in litigation: corporate commercial and litigation: securities

2014-2025 *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*—Litigation Star (Québec) (insolvency)

2016-2021 *Who's Who Legal*—Leading Canadian lawyer in asset recovery

2023	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Franchise Law Lawyer of the Year (Montréal)
2015-2020, 2023-2025	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in alternative dispute resolution, franchise law, insolvency and financial restructuring law
2016	<i>The Legal 500</i> — Leading lawyer in dispute resolution (Canada)

## Insights

### Spotlight on Québec law: Litigation hotspots

In this video, we discuss trends in contractual disputes, regulatory proceedings and class actions.

[CCUA's National Conference for Canada's Credit Unions](#)

[Québec's Commission de l'accès à l'information adopts a broad and liberal interpretation of privacy legislation respecting biometric information](#)

[NetDiligence Cyber Risk Summit Toronto 2025](#)

[Les 10 décisions de l'année 2024 essentielles pour les conseillers et conseillères d'entreprise au Québec](#)

[Osgoode Certificate in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law 2025](#)

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## News

### 23 Torys litigators recognized in the 2025 *Benchmark Litigation* guide

This recognition is a testament to our lawyers' considerable achievements and impact on the legal landscape.

### 81% of Torys' Canadian partners ranked by *Chambers Canada*

We are pleased to share that 130 Torys partners and 38 of our practice areas have been recognized in this year's guide, including 15 Band 1 rankings.

[179 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2025 Best Lawyers guide](#)

[Torys bulletin quoted in National Post article exploring risks and complications of wire transfers](#)

[161 Torys lawyers named in the 2024 Best Lawyers guide](#)

[More than three quarters of Torys partners recognized in the 2023 Chambers Canada guide](#)

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## Professional Involvement

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Julie is an active member of numerous organizations in the legal community, including the Insolvency Institute of Canada; International Bar Association (Committee J (Insolvency, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights)); Liaison Committee of the Bar of Montréal with the Québec Superior Court, Commercial Division (2008-2015); International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation; International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Professionals; and Association of Québec Women in Finance.

In addition, Julie is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and served in various capacities, such as Co-chair, Pan-Canadian Conference on Insolvency and Restructuring (2008 and 2009); Chair, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section, Québec Branch (2008-2009); member of the executive, National Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section (2008-2009); member of the executive, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section, Québec Branch (2006-2008 and 2009-2010); member, Legislation and Law Reform Committee (2011-2014); and Co-chair, Subcommittee on the Reform of the Code of Civil Procedure (2011-2012).

## Education and Bar Admissions

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### Education

LLB, 1996

University of Montréal

### Bar Admissions

Québec, 1998

Ontario, 2022