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A litigator practising in life sciences, Nicole's fluency with scientific subject matter makes her particularly skilled at working with expert witnesses and transforming complex scientific concepts into persuasive advocacy.

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Overview

Nicole's commercial litigation practice focuses on the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and life sciences sectors. Her experience extends across patent and trademark litigation, product liability and class actions, and regulatory and judicial review proceedings.

Nicole frequently represents international and North American pharmaceutical companies in patent infringement, impeachment and related proceedings, including under the *Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulation*. She also represents life sciences clients in regulatory matters, including in proceedings for judicial review, and has assisted Canadian and international companies in defending and enforcing trademark rights in Canada.

Nicole's litigation work also includes defending health product, medical device and agricultural product manufacturers in product liability actions across Canada, including in class proceedings. She has appeared as counsel in the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, at the trial and appellate level in the courts of Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia and in the Supreme Court of Canada.

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Nicole is bright as well as client- and business-oriented." She is responsive and good at distilling problems for clients.

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Featured Work

Combined oral contraceptives product liability class actions

Torys is acting as counsel to an international pharmaceutical company in multiple product liability class actions—including proposed actions in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and three class actions at trial in Québec and Ontario—concerning two prescription combined oral contraceptives

PRISTIQ® (desvenlafaxine) PM(NOC) proceedings

Torys acted as counsel to Pfizer Canada in proceedings before the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal under the *PM(NOC) Regulations* concerning patents for PRISTIQ® (desvenlafaxine), used in the treatment of depression

Herbicide product liability class action

Torys is acting as counsel to an international environmental science company in multiple proposed product liability class actions in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and Québec (as well as multiple individual actions in provinces across Canada) concerning the active ingredient in a popular line of herbicides

[a fire protection manufacturer as one of several defendants in proposed class actions brought in Québec, Ontario, British Columbia on behalf of Canadians alleging environmental and water system contamination by PFAS-containing products](#)

[a fire protection manufacturer as one of several defendants in a proposed class action brought by the Province of British Columbia on behalf of Canadian provincial, territorial and municipal governments alleging drinking water contamination by PFAS-containing products](#)

[ViiV Healthcare in patent infringement actions in the Federal Court of Canada under the PM\(NOC\) Regulations relating to Triumeq \(dolutegravir/lamivudine/abacavir\), an antiretroviral medication used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS](#)

[ViiV Healthcare in patent infringement actions in the Federal Court of Canada under the PM\(NOC\) Regulations relating to Tivicay \(dolutegravir\) an antiretroviral medication used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS](#)

[a fire protection manufacturer as one of several defendants in a proposed class action brought in British Columbia on behalf of Canadians alleging exposure to PFAS-containing firefighting foam products](#)

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2026	<i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —Litigation Star
2024	<i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —40 & Under Hot List
2024-2025	<i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —Future Star
2024-2026	<i>Chambers Canada</i> —Up and coming lawyer in litigation: product liability, and intellectual property: litigation
2022-2026	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Next generation in intellectual property
2022-2026	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in intellectual property law and product liability law
2022-2025	<i>IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners</i> —Leading lawyer in litigation
2024	<i>Lexpert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40
2024, 2026	<i>Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in life sciences and health, class actions and litigation: product liability
2019-2021, 2026	<i>Managing IP's IP Stars</i> —Rising Star

Insights

***Pelton v. Maytag*: Ontario court clarifies the duty to warn of remote risks and frailties of delayed testing in product liability claims**

The decision provides insights into the frailties of delayed testing for claims of manufacturing negligence.

[Product Liability & Safety 2026 \(Canada\)](#)

[Patently Absurd, Episode 21: MOMT, FC revisits *Gemak v. Jempak*, and the “duty to innovate” in Canada](#)

[Patently Absurd: IP, the IPO, and Canada, eh?](#)

[Do Canadian manufacturers owe a duty to develop safer alternatives?](#)

[Status quo ante: Supreme Court of Canada affirms law on methods of medical treatment](#)

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Professional Involvement

Nicole is an active member of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), serving as the past Chair of the IPIC Foundation Committee and the IPIC Young Practitioners Committee. She is also a contributing author of the Patent Enforcement Chapter in Blanchard's Life Sciences Law in Canada .

Nicole is a member of the Advocates' Society and the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC). Nicole is a frequent advocacy advisor in the Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) Law Practice Program's Trial Advocacy Course and is a regular volunteer with Pro Bono Ontario.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2009	University of Toronto, Faculty of Law
BSc (Great Distinction, Chemistry), 2006	McGill University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2010	British Columbia, 2024
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