



# Eileen M. McMahon

## PARTNER

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Working with entrepreneurs and innovators for over 30 years, Eileen is Chair of Torys' Intellectual Property and Food and Drug Regulatory practices. She advises Fortune 500 companies, leading manufacturers and innovators, as well as small- and medium-sized enterprises, on complex intellectual property and regulatory issues. She is recognized as Canada's leading life sciences lawyer, with deep market insight and a practical, business-minded approach.

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## Overview

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Eileen is a co-founder of the intellectual property and food and drug regulatory practices at Torys. She represents the entire spectrum of companies on regulatory clearance and intellectual property protection of products. Across sectors—including life sciences (pharmaceuticals, medical devices, natural health products), agribusiness, consumer products and more—Eileen helps clients identify, protect and leverage IP and regulatory assets, obtain and maintain market exclusivity, handle high-risk situations (corrective actions, recalls, regulatory orders), and navigate the impact of current and proposed laws on clients' ability to sell products. Eileen also has market-leading experience with patented medicines and oversight of Canada's Patented Medicines Prices Review Board (PMPRB). Eileen also represents investors and companies looking to finance or invest in companies with intellectual property and regulatory assets, as well as companies looking to acquire or divest such assets.

Eileen's unique experience and strong market presence are well recognized: in addition to her Band 1 ranking in Intellectual Property by Chambers & Partners, Eileen is the only Canadian lawyer to be recognized as a Star Individual in Life Sciences. Managing IP regards her as one of the world's top 250 women in IP, and The Legal 500 recognizes her as one of Canada's leading lawyers in intellectual property. Eileen was recently recognized as a "Hall of Fame Lawyer" for receiving "constant praise from her clients for continued excellence" and identified as being "at the pinnacle of the profession", in the 2024 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada*. *Best Lawyers in Canada* also recognized Eileen as Lawyer of the Year in Biotechnology and Life Science for 2024.

Eileen is a registered patent and trademark agent in the United States and Canada. She is also a Certified Licensing Professional of the Licensing Executive Society (LES).

Eileen is a former member of Torys' Executive Committee.



Eileen is very knowledgeable and comes informed to every discussion with a strategy in mind.'

—CHAMBERS CANADA, 2023

## Recognition and Awards

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2016-2025	<i>Chambers Canada</i> —Star individual in life sciences: regulatory/compliance (the only lawyer ranked in the highest category in Canada in life sciences); leading lawyer in agribusiness: agriculture and food products, cannabis law, intellectual property
2008-2024	<i>Chambers Global</i> —Leading lawyer in intellectual property
2015-2025	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Hall of Fame in intellectual property; leading partner in cannabis
2024	<i>LMG Life Sciences Americas Awards</i> —Regulatory Attorney of the Year—Canada
2022-2024	<i>LMG Life Sciences</i> —Leading life sciences lawyer in intellectual property and regulatory
2021-2022	<i>LMG Life Sciences</i> —Hall of Fame
2022-2025	<i>IAM Global Leaders Guide</i> —Canada
2012-2024	<i>IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners</i> —Highly recommended in transactions and prosecution
2019-2024	<i>Managing IP's IP Stars</i> —Patent star, Trademark star
2017-2024	<i>Managing IP's IP Stars</i> —Top 250 Women in intellectual property
2012-2020	<i>LMG Life Sciences</i> —Life Sciences Star in intellectual property and regulatory
2006-2025	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in biotechnology law, cannabis law, intellectual property law and life sciences
2020, 2024	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Lawyer of the Year for Cannabis Law, Biotechnology and Life Sciences (Toronto)

2008-2023	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in biotechnology, intellectual property and technology transactions. Eileen is the only lawyer ranked as “Most Frequently Recommended” (Lexpert’s highest category) in Biotechnology.
2008-2024	<i>Who’s Who Legal</i> —Global Elite Thought Leader in life sciences regulatory (a recognition given to fewer than 5% of all lawyers ranked by <i>Who’s Who Legal</i> ), Global and National leading lawyer in intellectual property, patents and life sciences
2019-2022	Expert Guides’ <i>Women in Business Law</i> —Leading lawyer in life sciences
2007-2019	Lexpert/American Lawyer’s <i>Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading practitioner in biotechnology law
2018-2019	Lexpert’s <i>Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada</i> —Most frequently recommended lawyer in IP and media and business issues
2019	LMG Americas <i>Women in Business Law</i> —Best in Life Sciences
2018	LMG Life Sciences Canadian Patent Non-Contentious Attorney of the Year
2010-2017	<i>IAM Licensing 250: The World’s Leading Patent and Technology Licensing Lawyers</i> —Leading lawyer globally
2016-2017	Lexpert/Thomson Canada’s <i>Guide to the Top 100 Industry Specialists in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology law
2016, 2010	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Lawyer of the Year for Biotechnology Law in Toronto
2011-2013	Martindale-Hubbell’s <i>Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers</i> —Highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards from her peers (Martindale-Hubbell recognizes fewer than 5% of women lawyers with this preeminent rating)
2005	Women’s Executive Network—One of Canada’s 100 Most Powerful Women

## Insights

### Navigating change: advancements in ag-innovation and regulation

Innovators are developing technologies that are creating new and diverse food products, and lawmakers are taking note.

[Mental Health Awareness for Legal Professionals](#)

[What’s next for medtech in Canada?](#)

[AMS Healthcare Invitational Conference 2025](#)

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## News

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### ***The Legal 500* recognizes 68 Torys lawyers and 27 practice areas in 2025 edition**

Seven Torys lawyers were also listed in the 2025 Hall of Fame.

### **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.

### ***Managing IP* names Eileen McMahon a top IP practitioner**

Chair of Torys' Intellectual Property and Food and Drug Regulatory practices ranked in the Top 250 Women in IP 2024 list for the eighth consecutive year.

[Torys receives three accolades at the 2024 LMG Life Sciences Americas Awards](#)

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

[IAM Patent 1000 recognizes Torys' strength in patent law](#)

[Seven Torys partners listed in the Hall of Fame of The Legal 500 Canada 2024 edition](#)

[Torys named IP and Life Sciences Law Firm of the Year by Chambers Canada](#)

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## Professional Involvement

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Eileen is on the Advisory Board of the Food and Drug Law Institute's 2022 *Food and Drug Law Journal* Editorial and the Advisory Board of Canadian Women in Life Sciences. She is also a member of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada and the Intellectual Property Owners Association (Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology Issues Committee).

In terms of community and volunteer involvement, Eileen is a Trustee of the Board of The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and Chairs its Research Committee. Previously, Eileen was a director of the National Cycling Institute of Milton (Milton Velodrome), The Credit Valley Hospital and a founding officer and director of TOHealth and of the Canadian

Healthcare Licensing Association.

As one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women (Women's Executive Network), Eileen participates in various mentoring programs for women.

## Education and Bar Admissions

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### Education

LLB, 1985

Osgoode Hall Law School

BSc (Biochemistry and Chemistry), 1982

University of Toronto

### Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1987