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Overview

Prior to becoming a mediator, Marcela Saitua's litigation practice was primarily in the area of insurance defence with an emphasis on personal injury. She has a wealth of experience in personal injury and insurance coverage issues, and has been involved in cases dealing with property damage, general corporate commercial litigation, including directors' and officers' liability, and class actions. Marcela has appeared as counsel in the Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Federal Court of Canada, and has appeared before various administrative tribunals, including the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.

Experience

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| Jan. 2013 – Present | Saitua Legal
Mediator
Civil litigation mediations. |
| May 2012 – July 2014 | Bruder Springstead LLP
Associate (contract through Saitua Legal)
Insurance defence litigation with an emphasis on personal injury and solicitors' negligence. |
| Feb. 2009 – May 2012 | Rogers Partners LLP
Associate
Insurance defence litigation with an emphasis on personal injury and coverage disputes. |
| Feb. 2002 – Feb. 2009 | Adair Morse LLP
Associate
Diverse general insurance defence with some plaintiff side litigation, including personal injury, coverage disputes, class action and appellate work. |
| June 2000 – June 2001 | Lerners LLP
Articling Student
Diverse civil litigation practice. |

Education

- Oct. – Nov. 2012 **Stitt Feld Handy Group/
University of Windsor, Faculty of Law**
ADR and Advanced ADR Workshops
- 1997 – 2000 **University of Toronto, Faculty of Law**
Doctor of Law (J.D.)
- 1997 – 2000 **University of Toronto**
Master of Arts (M.A.), International Relations
- 1991 – 1996 **University of Toronto - University of Trinity College**
B.A., Combined Specialist, History and Political Science,
Minor, French Language

Languages

- English
- Spanish
- Conversational French
- Conversational Italian

Professional Associations

- **ADR Institute of Canada**, member
- **ADR Institute of Ontario**, member
- **Advocates' Society**, member
- **Canadian Hispanic Bar Association**, member, past President and past Executive Director
- **Roundtable of Diversity Associations (TLA)**, past Co-Vice Chair and past CHBA representative

Community Involvement

- **Toronto District School Board**, past Chair, Ward 7 Council. School Council Ward 7 representative 2015 to date.
- **TDSB**, Executive member Queen Victoria P.S. Parent Council, past Co-Chair Howard P.S. Parent Council, past Co-Chair Parkdale P.S. Parent Council
- **Sistema Toronto, Parkdale Parent Committee**, past member and Co-Chair

Interests

Travel, photography and hiking.