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Helen (Burnett) Richards has a broad litigation practice with a focus on complex corporate/commercial and securities litigation. Her experience includes a number of large class proceedings in the areas of securities, conspiracy and food and beverage labelling. She also regularly advises clients in respect of director and officer indemnities and liability. In addition, Helen has a keen interest in legal issues affecting wineries and the wine industry.

Helen has provided advice to and represented clients in matters proceeding at all levels of court in Ontario and Saskatchewan, as well as at the Supreme Court of Canada. She has also represented clients in domestic and international arbitrations and regularly provides pro bono legal services at the Small Claims Court in Toronto.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Some recent matters in which Helen has been involved include:

- Representing various retail and investment banks in securities and competition class actions
- Representing a foreign partnership before the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal on issues arising out of the *Partnership Act*
- Representing a tobacco wholesaler in its objection to a tax assessment issued by the Ontario Ministry of Finance
- Representing an international corporation in respect of a bilateral investment treaty arbitration
- Representing an international corporation in a domestic arbitration arising out of the construction of a windfarm
- Representing various companies entering into plans of arrangement before the Commercial List
- Representing an international corporation in obtaining an Anton Piller Order to further its investigation into a large-scale, international counterfeit operation

PUBLICATIONS

[Co-author: Enforcement Highlights from the 2019 OSC Annual Report](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, October 2, 2019.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Speaker: Managing Enterprise Risk: Spotlight on D&O Liability

Blakes Business Class Seminar, Toronto, Ontario, December 6, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Helen volunteers with Pro Bono Law Ontario's Duty Counsel Project and is a member of the Advocates' Society, the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

EDUCATION

Admitted to the Ontario Bar - 2012

J.D., University of Toronto - 2011

Bachelor of International Business (concentration in International Investment, Finance and Banking, minor in Spanish), Carleton University - 2008

Canadian Securities Course - 2006