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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Energy & Natural Resources | Health |
Manufacturing

EXPERTISE

Labour & Employment

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Alberta, 2007

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Calgary, 2006
- B.A. (Law and Society), University of Calgary, 2003

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Jill Wilkie advises on all aspects of labour and employment law. She offers tailored guidance to employers in various industries, with a focus on the health, manufacturing, natural resources and education industries. With a wealth of experience from discipline and defence of claims and grievances to development of policies

and contracts, she provides comprehensive advice on labour relations, employment standards, human rights, privacy and occupational health and safety matters. Jill's service ethic is strong. As a trusted advisor to employers, Jill ensures her clients receive strategic advice and excellent representation.

Within the Firm, Jill serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee and is a member of the Firm's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Committee. In the broader legal community, Jill serves on the Judicial Council for Alberta and is an active member with the Canadian Association of Council to Employers. Jill stays up to date on legal developments and regularly presents to employers and human resources professionals.

Jill's well-established reputation for excellence is reflected in her consistent rankings and recognition in Chambers Canada, Best Lawyers in Canada and The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Labour and Employment Law, 2022-2025
- *Chambers Canada*, Employment & Labour, 2021-2025
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Leading Lawyers Under 40, 2020; Employment Law, 2020-2025
- Lexpert Rising Star, Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40, 2020

Thought leadership

Jill has authored and co-authored many articles, publications and blog posts, including:

- "Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 passed in Alberta," Labour and Employment Communiqué, Miller Thomson LLP, December 2020
- "Proposed changes to workers' compensation and occupational health and safety legislation in Alberta," Labour and Employment Communiqué, Miller Thomson LLP, November 2020
- "Bill 32: Alberta's Proposed Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act," Labour and Employment Communiqué, Miller Thomson LLP, July 2020
- "EY Report on Alberta Health Services," Labour and Employment Communiqué, Miller Thomson LLP, February 3, 2020
- "Deference to Labour Arbitrators: A Tale of Near Cause," *Employment and Labour Law Reporter*, LexisNexis Canada, February 2020
- "Deference to Labour Arbitrators: A Tale of Near Cause," Labour and Employment Communiqué, Miller Thomson LLP, December 10, 2019
- "Proposed Changes to Workplace Laws in Alberta," Labour and Employment Communiqué, May 29, 2019

- “Bill 2: An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business,” Labour and Employment Communique, Miller Thomson LLP, 2019
- “Suncor Saga Update: Suncor’s Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy will be Sent Back to Arbitration,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, Miller Thomson, June 21, 2018
- “Alberta Court of Appeal Upholds Interim Ban on Random Drug and Alcohol Testing by Suncor,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, Miller Thomson, March 23, 2018
- “Checking in after Few Months of Living with the Alberta Employment Standards Code Changes,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, Miller Thomson, March 13, 2018
- “Alberta Employers! The Ministry of Labour Needs Your Input,” *Canadian Labour and Employment Blog*, April 3, 2017
- “Emerging Issues in Labour and Employment: Economic Downturn”, *The Barrister*, Issue No.119, Spring 2016
- “Employment Law 101: Enforcement of Restrictive Covenants,” *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Blog*, March 22, 2016
- “Part 1: Changes To Terms Of Employment In An Economic Downturn,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, February 18, 2016
- “Part 2: Update on the Calculation of Reasonable Notice in an Economic Downturn,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, February 18, 2016
- “New Minimum Wage Rate in Alberta to Take Effect on October 1, 2015,” *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Blog*, September 4, 2015
- “Calculating Reasonable Notice 55 Years after Bardal – Responding to Economic Realities,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, July 31, 2015
- “Maternity and Parental Leave in Alberta,” *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Blog*, February 2, 2015
- “Are Equity Partners Employees? Mandatory Retirement in Law Firms,” *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Blog*, September 6, 2012
- “Entitlements of Employees who Resign with an Extended Notice Period,” *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Blog*, April 3, 2012
- “Privacy in the Workplace–Drug and Alcohol Testing,” *Labour and Employment Communique*, 2012
- “Privacy Rights of Employees’ E-mail,” *Charter and Human Rights Litigation*, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, Federated Press, 2011
- “Christian Horizons: the State Bans Christian Homes,” *Charter and Human Rights Litigation*, Vol. XV, No. 3, Federated Press, 2008
- “Drug and Alcohol Testing: Consistency with Privacy and Human Rights,” *Charter and Human Rights Litigation*, Vol. XIV, No. 4, Federated Press, 2008
- “Hate Speech and Free Speech,” *Charter and Human Rights Litigation*, Vol. XIV, No. 3, Federated Press, 2007
- “Swabs and Cameras: Privacy Issues for Employers Concerning Alcohol and Drugs in the Workplace,” *Labour and Employment Communique – Alberta*, 2007

Jill has presented at a number of conferences and seminars, including:

- “Labour and Employment Law 101 Training,” Client Presentation, April 2023
- “Labour and Employment Law 101 Training,” Client Presentation, March 2023
- “Respect in the Workplace Training,” Client Presentation, January 2023
- “Labour and Employment Law 101 Training,” Full Day Client Presentation, November 2022
- “Addressing New Developments in Accommodation: Mental Health Issues,” Employment Law Masterclass Conference, Key Media, November 2022
- “Labour and Employment Update,” Half Day Client Presentation, October 2022
- “Good Governance,” Client Presentation, October 2022
- “Working in an Age of Rage: Strategies to deal with increased alienation, frustration, and anger in the workplace,” Lancaster House’s 40th Annual Labour Arbitration and Policy Conference, June 2022
- “Labour & Employment Series 2022: Drafting of Termination Provisions in Employment Contracts Presentation,” Miller Thomson LLP Associate Training Program, January 2022
- “Addressing Mental Health in the Workplace,” Vital Partners Inc. Webinar, January 2022
- “Labour & Employment Series 2021: Privacy Primer for Labour & Employment Lawyers,” Miller Thomson LLP Associate Training Program, October 2021
- “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace,” Bongarde Media Webinar, September 2021
- “Good Governance,” Client Presentation, September 2021
- “Workplace Privacy Webinar,” Canadian Bar Association, April 2021
- “Workplace Privacy Today and Tomorrow: What’s on the horizon for privacy law?,” Lancaster House Webinar, March 2021
- “Mentoring from a Distance: Strategies for Success,” Miller Thomson LLP Webinar, February 2021
- “Bill 32: Restoring Balance in Alberta’s Workplaces Act,” Alberta Labour and Employment Group Client Webinar, Miller Thomson LLP, October 2020
- “Bill 32: Alberta’s Proposed Restoring Balance in Alberta’s Workplaces Act,” Labour and Employment Group Client Webinar, Miller Thomson LLP, July 2020
- “COVID-19 Pandemic: Business Owners’ Roundtable with Stawowski McGill: Return to Work Q&A’s,” May 2020
- “Navigating COVID-19: Your Employment Questions Answered,” Alberta Administrative Law Group Client Webinar, Miller Thomson LLP, May 2020
- “COVID-19 Pandemic: Business Owners’ Roundtable with Stawowski McGill: HR Q&A’s,” April 2020
- “COVID-19 Pandemic: Hillcrest Financial Roundtable Discussion: Benefits and Employment Law Issues,” April 2020
- “Harassment Panel Presentation,” Labour and Employment Group National Client Services Seminar, 2019
- “Workplace Investigation Training,” Client Presentation, 2019

- “Respectful Workplace Culture,” Client Presentation, 2019
- “Workplace Harassment,” Client Presentations, 2019
- Semi-Annual Employment Law Education Session, Vital Partners, 2018
- “The Broadening Scope of Requests for Personal Information: Assessing the Organizational Impacts, Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers,” Webinar, 2018
- “What All Employers Need to Know,” Miller Thomson Occupational Health and Safety seminar, May 15, 2018
- “Panel Discussion on New Employment Legislation,” Vital Partners, 2018
- “Key Employment Policies,” CPHR Alberta, 2018
- “Panel Discussion on Disability Management,” Vital Partners, 2017
- “Eyes Wide Open: Workplace Surveillance: Privacy Panel,” Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers, 14th Annual Conference, Calgary, 2017
- “Prying Eyes: Privacy Breaches in the Workplace – And What To Do About Them,” 35th Annual Labour Arbitration and Policy Conference, Calgary, 2017
- “HR Exchange Panel,” Vital Partners, Calgary, 2017
- “The Changing Workforce: Legal Issues From Both Tails of The Aging Curve,” HRIA Conference, Edmonton, 2017
- “Privacy Commissioners Perspective on Leading Workplace Privacy Issues,” Canadian Associational Counsel to Employers Webinar, 2017
- “How Age Affects The Employment Relationship,” Miller Thomson Client Webinar, 2016
- “Hot Privacy Topics: Hiring, Health and Hacks: Privacy Panel,” Canadian Associational Counsel to Employers, 13th Annual Conference, Winnipeg, 2016
- “Respectful Workplace Training,” Client Presentation, Alberta, 2016
- “Deconstructing Constructive Dismissal,” HRIA Conference, Calgary, 2016
- “Employment Law 101,” Miller Thomson, Client Presentation, Calgary, 2016
- “Constructive Dismissal, Employment Law Panel,” Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Law Conference, Calgary, 2015
- “Canada Labour Code Update,” Canadian Payroll Association, Calgary, 2015
- “Director’s Duties and Liabilities,” Miller Thomson, Client Presentation, Calgary, 2015
- “Advocacy before Administrative Tribunals,” Federated Press 2nd Adjudication in Alberta Course, 2015
- “L&E Seminar,” Miller Thomson, Client Presentation, Calgary, 2015
- “Legislative Framework in Employment Law,” Federated Press 3rd Mini LL.B. for Aboriginal Leadership Course, Calgary, 2015
- Lorman Education Services Presentation on Employment Related Records in Alberta, 2014
- Lorman Education Services Presentation on Overtime and the Salaried Employee in Calgary, 2014
- Organized Pseudo Legal Commercial Argument Litigants, Miller Thomson, Calgary, 2014

- “Labour Law 101,” Miller Thomson, Edmonton and Calgary, 2014
- “Employment Discharge and Documentation,” Lorman Education Services Presentation, Calgary, 2013
- “Law Procedures relating to Employment Standards, Employment Insurance and Workers Compensation,” Calgary Chinese Community Service Association and Calgary Legal Guidance Presentation, Calgary, 2013
- “Overtime and the Salaried Employee,” Lorman Education Services Presentation, Calgary, 2013
- “Workplace Investigations,” Lorman Education Services Presentation, Calgary, 2013
- “Labour Law Update,” Miller Thomson, Risk Mitigation in the Modern Workplace Seminar, BMO Centre, Calgary, 2012
- “Pastor + People + Protection—What you Need to Know,” Associated Gospel Churches of Canada, 2012
- “Employment Law 101 (Hiring and Termination, Employment Policies, Privacy Law and Human Rights),” Miller Thomson, Client Presentation, 2012
- “Camp Logistics and Workforce Accommodation Forum: Evaluating the Impacts of the Latest Government Guidelines on Work Camps,” CI Energy Group, a division of the Canadian Institute, 2012
- “Recent Developments in Human Rights Law,” Calgary Chamber of Commerce seminar, 2011
- “Freedom of Association in the Labour Relations Context,” Workshop on Substantive Law: Emerging Issues in Constitutional Law, Christian Legal Fellowship National Student Conference, University of Calgary, 2011
- “Employment Law Refresher—Privacy, Human Rights and Accommodation of Disabled Employees,” Calgary Chamber of Commerce presentation, 2010
- “Employment Law 101 (Hiring and Termination, Employment Policies, Privacy Law and Human Rights),” Miller Thomson Client Lunch ‘n Learn, 2010
- “Privacy Issues—Emerging Technologies and Employee Surveillance,” Miller Thomson Seminar, Managing Employment Issues: What’s Ahead for 2010, Calgary, 2010
- “Workplace Privacy and Human Rights in Alberta,” Lorman Education Services Presentation, Calgary, 2009
- “Privacy Concerns in the Employment Context,” Miller Thomson Presentation, From Hot to Not: Managing Employment Relationships in a Slowing Economy, Calgary Chamber of Commerce, 2009
- “Labour and Employment Law Termination Strategies and Issues,” Miller Thomson Presentation Client Lunch ‘n Learn, 2009
- “Legal Framework for Employment Law in Alberta,” Miller Thomson Client Lunch ‘n Learn, 2008

Memberships & affiliations

- Member, Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Calgary Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta