

BERNIE MUELLER

Toronto, Ontario

ARTICLING CANDIDATE

Internationally trained legal professional licenced in Brazil with 15+ years of legal and business experience in public and private sectors across Canada, Europe, and Latin America. Holds 2 Master of Laws degrees, including a Canadian Common Law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School, and recently completed the Law Practice Program at Toronto Metropolitan University. Skilled in contract drafting and negotiation, regulatory compliance, policy development, and legal operations. Experience spans consulting, clinical research, real estate, and government. Fluent in English and Portuguese, with working knowledge of Spanish and French. NCA accredited and prepared to begin articling.

EDUCATION

Law Practice Program , Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto	2024
NCA Certificate of Qualification , Federation of Law Societies of Canada	2020
Master in Canadian Common Law LLM , York University/Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto	2020
Master of Law and Information Technology LLM , Stockholm University, Sweden	2003
Bachelor of Laws LLB , Faculdades Integradas Bennett, Brazil	1998

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MS Project, SharePoint, DocuSign, Conveyancer, Teraview, D2L, Google Docs, Google AI, Dropbox, Zoom, Clio, Lawyer Done Deal, LexisNexis and WestlawNext

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Risk & Contract Manager, Deloitte LLP, Toronto Oct 2022 – Mar 2023
Reviewed complex contracts negotiations and requests for proposals, identifying contractual risks and proposing revisions to ensure legal and business alignment. Worked closely with internal legal teams and external clients to clarify obligations and mitigate risk. Served as a key point of contact for internal teams and clients, and risk assessments across diverse areas including cybersecurity ensuring privacy compliance.

Contracts Analyst, Canadian Hospital Specialties, Oakville Oct 2021 - Sep 2022
Drafted, reviewed, and interpreted commercial contracts to ensure compliance with healthcare regulations and internal policies. Managed the full lifecycle of tenders and RFPs, balancing simultaneous legal and business priorities while maintaining quality standards and timelines.

Contracts Manager, OpenText, Richmond Hill Apr - Aug 2019
Led negotiations for high value contracts in areas including IT services, events, and global procurement. Focused on risk allocation, privacy, and data protection, ensuring adherence to GDPR and other national and international regulatory frameworks. Collaborated with internal counsel and cross border stakeholders on M&A related legal work.

Manager, Contracts Department, Population Health Research Institute, Hamilton Jan – Sept 2014
Oversaw legal operations for multi-jurisdictional clinical trials. Drafted and negotiated site agreements, investigator agreements, and sponsor contracts. Regularly coordinated with legal departments of pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions to resolve complex legal issues related to IP, data privacy, and research ethics.

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Manager, KPMG LLP, Toronto, ON

Mar 2012 – Dec 2013

Designed legal and regulatory compliance projects by developing frameworks for data governance and information management. Provided advisory services related to compliance with privacy and records legislation. Participated in projects alongside legal counsel, ensuring policy recommendations aligned with statutory and regulatory standards.

Information & Records Management Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Revenue/Finance, Toronto

Aug 2010 – Feb 2012

Advised internal stakeholders on legislative requirements related to privacy and records management under Ontario statutes. Developed legal policies and procedures for managing sensitive information across departments. Collaborated with government lawyers to ensure that document retention and destruction practices met legal standards.

Business Classification Development Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care, Concord

Apr - Jul 2010

Researched and interpreted legal statutes to design business classification structures for public health documentation. Created legal and operational policies that supported consistent classification and access rights across health programs. Interacted regularly with ministry legal advisors to ensure compliance with legislative mandates.

Counsel, NOKIA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sep 2001 – Aug 2002

Drafted and negotiated complex commercial agreements with telecom infrastructure clients and service providers, including licensing, services, and procurement contracts. Ensured compliance with national, and International Telecommunication Union regulations and corporate governance standards. Collaborated extensively with Nokia's European legal department providing jurisdiction specific legal analysis and contributing to the resolution of contract disputes, regulatory matters, and risk mitigation strategies.

Lawyer, BLATTER & GALVÃO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Jan 1999 – Aug 2001

Represented corporate and individual clients in civil, labour, bankruptcy, and appellate court matters. Drafted legal pleadings, advised on litigation strategy, and provided legal opinions tailored to client goals. Managed client relationships from intake through resolution, ensuring responsive communication and legal clarity. Coordinated with international counsel on matters involving foreign jurisdictions and cross border enforcement.

Lawyer, CIDAP – Civil Rights Organization, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Jan – Dec 1998

Advocated for underrepresented clients in civil, labour, and criminal cases. Conducted legal research, prepared motions and submissions, and represented clients in pre-trial and trial proceedings. Maintained close communication with clients, social workers, and police to coordinate legal strategies and access to justice. Focused on practical, client centered advocacy in a fast-paced environment.

INTERESTS

Motorcycling – I taught myself how to ride at age 12 and try to get out whenever is possible. I really appreciate the sense of freedom and focus it brings.

Snowboarding – I have transitioned from surfing quite well and enjoy the share principles of both sports. I am looking forward to trying the mountains in Alberta.

Cuisine – I am always experimenting in the kitchen with a special focus on healthy eating and I am fascinated by how different cultures blend flavours. Cooking is both a creative outlet and a way to bring people together.