

## Margaret Louter Law Clerk, Corporate and Commercial

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Margaret graduated from Niagara College in 1979 in the Legal Assistant diploma program and was admitted as an Associate Member of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario in 1993. She has provided legal services in a law firm environment in both Toronto and since 2001 in the Niagara Region. She has been designated as a Certified Expert in Corporate Law by the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario.

Margaret has extensive experience in assisting in all aspects of corporate/commercial transactions, interviewing clients, attending to legal due diligence, corporate searches, attending on closings and the management of all corporate records and governance procedures. She is also experienced in the procedures and drafting of all documentation relating to incorporations, amalgamations, continuances, amendments, rollovers, corporate reorganizations and financing.

Her experience in the not-for-profit sector includes assisting in the drafting of incorporating documents, by-laws, minutes, notices of meetings, resolutions and regulatory matters. She also has extensive experience in assisting with the completion of all aspects of residential and commercial real estate, including interviewing clients, preparation of contracts, planning matters, reviewing title searches and drafting letters of requisitions, attending to the title insurance applications for various title insurers, completion of all closing documentation and correspondence including E-reg procedures, attending to closing, reporting and accounting.

In 2002, Margaret participated in discussions with members of various legal organizations under the facilitation of Charles Harnick which resulted in a consultation document that identified areas of agreement between various legal organizations and the paralegal profession. She also consulted with and provided background material for Professor Frederick H. Zemans of York University in drafting the Paralegals Ontario: Research Report.

In October 2006, Margaret was appointed by the Attorney General for the Province of Ontario to the Paralegal Standing Committee of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Since that time she has participated in the development of the regulatory framework for paralegals, and acted as a panel member of the Hearing Panel and Appeal Panel for the good character hearings of paralegal applicants.

Margaret was one of the founding directors of the Professional Paralegal Association of Ontario and during her two terms as a director held the position of Vice President and Secretary. She participated in the development of a code of conduct, membership criteria and a mandatory errors and omissions insurance program for the paralegal profession. Margaret served as a director of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario and during her term was the editor of the Law Clerks Review.

Margaret lives with her family in the Niagara Region.