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Practice Areas

Technology & Intellectual
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Sharan Johal is an Associate in the Technology & Intellectual Property Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Sharan maintained a private practice where she provided clients with tailored privacy policies and terms of use for both websites and mobile applications, specializing in small Ontario businesses in the Greater Toronto Area, using digital and online reference materials and tools as a guide to ensure the use of up-to-date, accurate information. Additionally, she advised clients on best personal information management practices and cybersecurity to practically comply with Canadian federal and provincial privacy laws. Sharan also assisted in the creation of legal technology tools, developing the dataset that artificial intelligence models learned from.

Sharan earned her Juris Doctor from Queen's University, where she won the Gordon F. Henderson Award for Best Respondent Factum and served as a student Caseworker for the Queen's Legal Aid Clinic.

Called to the Bar

- Ontario (2023)

Education

- Queen's University, Juris Doctor, 2022
- York University, Bachelor of Science (Honours) – Environmental Biology, 2019

Affiliations

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association

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Professional Activities

- General Member, Can-TECH Women in Technology Committee (2024 – Present)

Community Involvement

- Student Caseworker, Queen's Legal Aid Clinic (2021 – 2022)
- Competitive Moot Coach, Harold G. Fox IP Moot (2021 – 2022)
- Student Volunteer, Pro Bono Students Canada (2020 – 2021)
- Project Lead, Conflict Analytics Lab (2020-2021)

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "Innovating for Impact: The Intersection of Technology, Climate, and Law", CAN-TECH Law, Online, January 15, 2025

Other Publications

- Author, "Guarding the Gate: How Law Firms Can Protect Against Ransomware" (January 8, 2025), online: Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law Section, Ontario Bar Association.
- Author, "Hey Alexa, Have You Been Hacked? Securing Your Smart Devices Today for a Safer Tomorrow" (February 22, 2024), online: Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law Section, Ontario Bar Association.
- Author, "Alberta: A Review of the Commissioner's Real Risk of Significant Harm Findings – Parts 1 – 4", online: *Mann's Information & Technology Law Newsletter*.
- Co-Author, "ChatGPT: The Hottest Toy of 2023" (May 2, 2023), online: Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law Section, Ontario Bar Association.
- Co-Author, "Inadequate treatment of taxonomic information prevents replicability of most zoological research." *Canadian Journal of Zoology*. 98(9): 633-642.