

# Sarah Kirshin-Neilans

Lawyer

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## Sarah's Biography

Sarah is a member of both the Personal Injury and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups at McKenzie Lake. She was born and raised in London, Ontario and has been a proud member of the London bar for her entire career, serving clients throughout Southwestern Ontario. Sarah practiced for 13 years at a well-respected boutique litigation firm in London before joining McKenzie Lake in June 2021.

Sarah's practice focuses on:

**Personal injury claims** arising from:

- Motor vehicle accidents
- Occupier's liability (slip and fall, etc.)
- Dog attacks
- Sports injuries
- Medical malpractice
- Assault/sexual assault

**Insurance litigation**, including:

## Practice Areas

Personal Injury & Disability Law

Commercial Litigation

Equine Law

Estate Litigation

Labour & Employment Law

## Education and Year of Call

Admitted to the Ontario Bar (2008)

Bachelor of Laws – Robson Hall  
Faculty of Law, University of  
Manitoba (2007)

Combined Honours Bachelor of Arts  
in Political Science and Philosophy –  
University of Western Ontario (2004)



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- Claims against insurers for denied short-term/long-term disability benefits
- Coverage disputes
- Broker negligence

**Employment litigation**, including representing employees and employers in wrongful and constructive dismissal claims

- Workplace investigations
- Estate litigation
- Contract disputes

Sarah is particularly proud of her efforts in assisting elderly clients who have suffered serious injuries from slip and falls, and families who have lost their loved ones as a result of the negligence of others. Over the years, she has been successful in obtaining millions of dollars in compensation for her clients.

While Sarah's practice has always focused on helping those disabled by injury or illness, she also acted for some of Canada's top insurance companies for the first 9 years of her career. Not only did she gain invaluable litigation experience doing insurance defence work, but she has the advantage over other personal injury lawyers of understanding the complexities of insurance, as well as the motivations of insurers, which helps her to make strategic and tactical decisions when representing people in claims against insurance companies.

Sarah has been a member of several charitable boards and continues to support those causes that are near and dear to her heart, especially SARI Therapeutic Riding. She herself has been a horse person since childhood and had been an avid show jumping competitor for more than 20 years. More recently, Sarah and her husband dedicate most of their spare time to supporting the extracurricular pursuits of their 2 young children.



Effective July 1, 2021 – My maximum contingency fee rate for most personal injury cases is 30% except for medical/dental/professional malpractice cases which would have a maximum rate of 40%.

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## Professional Associations

- Advocates' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Middlesex Law Association
- Ontario Bar Association (2012/2013 Southwest Young Lawyers Division Chair)
- Ontario Trial Lawyers Association

## Community Involvement

- Board Member, Middlesex Condominium Corporation No. 134
- Western University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Course Instructor Fall 2022, Legal Issues in Kinesiology
- Past President (2016-2018) and past Board Member, SARI Therapeutic Riding
- Volunteer Recreational League coach for Southwest Oakridge Optimist Soccer Club (2018-2019)
- Past Member of Board of Governors, Montessori Academy of London

