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Suzanne has built a strong practice in access and privacy law. She advises both public and private sector employers on their responsibilities as they navigate the implications of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA), the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA), the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA) and other related legislation. Suzanne regularly provides one-on-one training to in-house privacy and access coordinators on responding to access requests, conducting internal investigations, and the use of internal system information.

In addition to privacy law, Suzanne has extensive experience in education and health law. Suzanne has represented various healthcare and educational professionals and organizations, providing advice in a range of areas including employment, professional regulatory proceedings and compliance, court and administrative tribunal proceedings, procurement, and contract negotiations.

Recognition

- Listed Lawyer, Education Law, Labour and Employment Law, Privacy and Data Security Law, *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 2019 – present

Recent Speaking Engagements

- “Privacy: Latest Issues Regarding Privacy And Tracking Employees”, (co-presenter), Annual Conference, Chartered Professionals in Human Resources of BC & Yukon, May 2017
- “New Technology in the Workplace”, 2016 AGM and Conference, Community Social Services Employers’ Association of British Columbia, October 2016

Practice Areas

Education Law

Privacy and Access to Information

Year of Call

British Columbia, 1997

Education

LLB, Osgoode Hall, York University, 1996

BA, University of British Columbia, 1993

Advanced Mediation, Centre for Mediation in Law, San Francisco, California

- “Social Media And The Workplace”, Conference Board of Canada, 2015
 - “Privacy And The Structure Of Healthcare”, Guest Lecturer, Masters of Health Administration, University of British Columbia, 2015
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Recent Publications

- “Liability For Statements About Employees And Students”, Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education
 - “Sexual Misconduct In Schools”, Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education
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Professional & Community Involvement

- Member, UBC Clinical Research Ethics Board
- Member, Administrative Law, Health Law, Freedom of Information & Privacy Law sections, Canadian Bar Association, BC branch
- Former Chair, Health Law subsection, Canadian Bar Association
- Former Executive Member, Information and Privacy subsection, Canadian Bar Association
- Former Member, BC Cancer Agency Research Ethics Board
- Girl Guides of Canada, 2011 – 2015