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Katelyn's legal career began at Devry Smith Frank LLP many years ago, as a summer student dedicated to learning more about family law and helping families navigate these often challenging times. Her passion for the practice of family law has not wavered since; though she has developed a busy practice in education law along the way.

As an education law lawyer, Katelyn represents students of all ages and areas of study, both in the private and public school sectors. Katelyn is committed to working with her clients to determine the best strategy for their challenging educational legal issues, ranging from matters of suspension, bullying, expulsion, harassment, failure to accommodate, and more.

Having obtained an Honours Bachelor of Applied Science Degree from the University of Guelph with a focus in psychology and family studies prior to her completing law school at the University of Ottawa, Katelyn understands the important role she plays in assisting her clients with divorce, parenting, property and other financial legal issues stemming from a familial separation.

Katelyn is knowledgeable and experienced, having successfully represented her clients at all levels of Court in Ontario, including the Ontario Court of Appeal. Katelyn also regularly appears before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and the Child and Family Services Review Board. Katelyn practices often in a litigation-based setting, but she always remains committed to cost-effective and timely solutions for her clients which will often mean engaging in an alternative dispute resolution process such as mediation or arbitration.

Katelyn is also a panel lawyer for the Office of the Children's Lawyer, representing the needs and interests of children across multiple municipalities. Katelyn is able to service a wide range of clients across the Province by dividing her time between DSF's Toronto, Collingwood and Barrie offices.

Katelyn's approachable and practical mannerisms have earned her much respect and confidence amongst clients and colleagues. Her biggest supporters however are her family, which includes her aussiedoodle and her sheepadoodle. Katelyn adores all animals but especially dogs; she loves travelling anywhere to chase the sunshine; and she thoroughly enjoys reading or watching a spicy true crime drama.



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