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Overview

Kelly Elliott (She/Her/Hers) leads Dentons' Practice Support & Optimization team for the Canada Region, setting the strategic direction for the Region's key internal processes, knowledge solutions and technology offerings that continually improve efficiency and effectiveness. A former practicing lawyer in real estate, project development and banking and finance, Kelly brings invaluable insight on client service excellence, process design and change management, as well as the suite of technology at Dentons that connects internal and external clients with solutions that best meet their complex and evolving technology needs.

A naturally innovative thinker, Kelly spearheads initiatives that further bolster Dentons' in-house technology solutions, which ultimately help the Firm's lawyers deliver high quality and timely client service. Working closely with leadership, practice groups, sectors, offices and business services, Kelly is at the helm of a team of Practice Support & Optimization colleagues, who work to ensure Dentons is investing in the right value-added technologies for clients, while continuing to deliver on the Firm's innovation and knowledge management strategies. To further expand the scope of her knowledge and gain a different perspective on the ways in which she can deliver the most effective process quality, project management and data inspection for clients, Kelly earned her Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification in February 2020.

In her previous role as a partner in and co-lead of the Firm's Real Estate group, Kelly's extensive experience catapulted her to the top of her field and earned her the prestigious ranking of one Canada's leading lawyers in the areas of real estate law (*Best Lawyers, Legal 500*), and banking and financial institutions (*The Canadian Legal Expert Directory*). As a testament to her leadership skillset, her growing professional profile, and personal commitment to mentoring and influencing young women in her network, Kelly was named a 2019 recipient of the *Ottawa Business Journals* Forty Under 40 award, which recognizes accomplished and rising business leaders in the National Capital Region.

Recognition

First recognized in 2018, Kelly has been commended for her extensive knowledge and experience in the following respected publications:

- *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory*: Banking & Financial Institutions

- *The Legal 500 Canada: Real Estate*
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada: Real Estate Law*
- *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada’s Leading Lawyers: Infrastructure; Energy*

Certifications

- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification (2020)

Honors and Awards

- Recipient of the “Forty Under 40” award presented by the *Ottawa Business Journal and Ottawa Board of Trade* (2019).

In the Media

- Featured in “Here are Ottawa-Gatineau’s 2019 Forty Under 40 recipients ,” *Ottawa Business Journal*, April 2019

Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Corporate Legal Operations Consortium
- Member, County of Carleton Law Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Areas of focus

Practices

- Aboriginal Law (Canada)
- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Project Development
- Real Estate
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Financial Services Litigation

Industry sectors

- Construction
- Energy
- Financial Institutions
- Government

- Infrastructure and PPP
- Private Equity
- Hotels and Leisure

Issues and opportunities

- Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Initiative and Think Tank

Education

- McGill University, 2008, BCL / LLB
- University of Ottawa, 2005, B.Comm. (Hons)

Admissions and qualifications

- Ontario, 2009

Languages

- English