

## **Alana Robert**

#### **Associate**

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#### **Bar Admission**

Ontario 2020

#### Law School

Osgoode Hall Law School

#### Practices

Litigation and Dispute Resolution Class Actions Appellate Litigation Alana Robert is an Associate in our Litigation Group in Toronto. She practices class actions, public law, and commercial litigation. Alana regularly acts for plaintiffs and defendants. She has appeared before various levels of court, including the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Alana was counsel to First Nations in a historic class proceeding that resulted in an \$8 billion settlement to address water infrastructure issues and long-term drinking water advisories on reserve. She is currently representing First Nations in claims for housing and child welfare.

Alana regularly works with Indigenous-led organizations to develop action and implementation plans to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. She also advises national organizations on their work to advance gender equity.

Alana regularly acts *pro bono* in human rights matters. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), the Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto, and the Ontario Native Women's Association. She is also on the Advisory Council for the Indigenous Human Rights Clinic. In this work, Alana has intervened at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Alana founded Justice For Women Manitoba to combat gender-based violence on campus through education, policy, and supports for students. She has testified on this work to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

Alana graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, where she completed the Test Case Litigation Program. She won both the Oxford Price Media Law Moot (Americas) and the Lerners Cup Moot. During law school, Alana completed a legal internship at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, where she worked in victim and witness protection. She has a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in Political Science and Economics from the University of Manitoba.

In 2022, Alana was named one of *Canadian Lawyer's* Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada in the Human Rights, Advocacy, and Criminal category.

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She has also received the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Person's Case and the Indspire Métis Youth Award.

### **Awards & Rankings**

Canadian Lawyer's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada - 2022

Human Rights, Advocacy and Criminal

### **Recent Experience**

 Manitoba First Nation proposes class action against federal government for housing crisis in reserve communities
 June 12, 2023

 Ontario Native Women's Association intervenes in Supreme Court of Canada appeal concerning the constitutionality of Criminal Code provisions

November 4, 2022

■ First Nations achieve C\$8B class action settlement agreement with Canadian Government over drinking water advisories

July 30, 2021

### **Recent Insights**

Mining in the Courts, Vol. XIII March 6, 2023

 B.C. Releases Action Plan to Implement UNDRIP With New Commitment to Modernize Mineral Tenure Act

May 13, 2022

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■ BC Proposes Extensive Changes in Draft Action Plan to Implement UNDRIP

July 20, 2021