**Gillian Hnatiw**

Gillian Hnatiw is the founder and principal of Gillian Hnatiw & Co., a boutique feminist litigation firm in Toronto. Her broad litigation practice focuses on health law, professional regulation, employment law and, in particular, claims arising from sexual, physical and psychological abuse, harassment and assault. She also conducts workplace investigations and provides advice and training to organizations around how to navigate issues of sexual misconduct and discrimination.

Gillian is currently serving as Commission Counsel to the Mass Casualty Commission in Nova Scotia. She is the former Chair of the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), which works to advance gender equality through litigation, law reform and public education. She speaks regularly at conferences and seminars on a wide range of topics and is frequently sought out by industry and mainstream media for comment on issues of sexual violence, professional regulation and accountability, diversity and gender equality.

In March 2020, the Toronto Lawyer’s Association awarded Gillian the Honsberger Award for her work exemplifying the TLA’s three pillars – Advocacy, Community and Knowledge – and hailed her as a “formidable champion of women’s civil rights”.