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A8AB61/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/Laura-Tamblyn-Watts-A8AB61/)

Nationally and internationally recognized expert on aging , consumer, financial and inclusion issues, with a specialty in law reform, policy, partnerships, community and engagement.

EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT

September 2019 - current

Chief Executive of Canada's new senior's advocacy and public policy not-for-profit organization. Expertise in consumer issues, financial and pensions issues, social inclusion, stakeholder engagement, knowledge mobilization, media and keynote speaking.

CHIEF PUBLIC POLICY OFFICER

March 2018-August 2019

Senior executive responsible for research engagement, shaping policy and law reform projects, government relations, community engagement, disability and aging specialty, partnership and collaboration development, grants review and oversight, community engagement, outreach and knowledge mobilization.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR / SENIOR FELLOW CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ELDER LAW

2004-2011 (ND), 2012- Current (SF)

Senior NGO executive responsible for expert policy and law reform projects, government relations, media engagement, project management, national spokesperson duties, partnership development, grant-writing, community engagement, outreach and knowledge mobilization. Built and oversaw teams, developed and oversaw projects.

FELLOW, INSTITUTE FOR LIFECOURSE AND AGING, U OF T

2007-current

Research and policy fellow at the inter-disciplinary institute on aging at the University of Toronto. Engaging in research, policy development, law reform, government relations,



SKILLS

inter-sectoral development of academic, professional and community-based projects. Teaches Law and Aging, with a focus on inclusion and accessibility.

Writing

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, FACTOR INWENTASH FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, U OF T

Law Reform

2012-current

Policy Development

Instructor, teaching graduate level Law and Aging course. Consistently ranked a top faculty member by students.

Vulnerable consumers &
Financial consumer issues

CEO, SEDI

2011-2012

Advocacy and Gov't Relations

Chief Executive of national research organization focused on financial literacy for vulnerable populations. Organizational control of budget of \$16 million, staff management of 15-20. Focus on socio-financial research, knowledge exchange.

Media

Community engagement

EDUCATION

Project Development

SJD DOCTORATE OF LAWS

Currently pursuing, University of Toronto

Teaching

Mediation

CERTIFICATION IN ADJUDICATION AND TRIBUNALS

2012, Osgoode Law PD

Facilitation

PLTC BAR ADMISSIONS COURSE

1999, Law Society of BC

Tribunals

Plain Language Tool
Development

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

1999, University of Victoria

Making the complicated,
understandable and actionable

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS)

1995, Queen's University





SELECTED AFFILIATIONS

Distinguished International
Fellow
Stetson University
Center of Excellence in Elder
Law

Board Member and Affiliated
Faculty
Gilbrea Centre on Aging
McMaster University

AGE-WELL National Centre
of Excellence (NCE) on Aging
and Technology

Lead – Legal Issues
Canadian National Prevalence
Study on Elder Abuse and
Neglect, “Into the Light”
Prof. Lynn McDonald
2015

SELECTED BOARD AND COMMITTEE WORK FINANCIAL / CONSUMER:

Canadian Rep: North American Security Administrators
Association – Committee on Vulnerable Investors

Member: Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) Seniors
Expert Advisory Committee

Member: Investment Funds Institute of Canada (IFIC)
Taskforce on Vulnerable Investors

Director: Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments

Past Chair: OBSI Consumer & Investor Advisory Committee

Past Director: Foundation for the Advancement of Investor
Rights

Past Member: Consumer Board- Financial Consumer Agency
of Canada

SELECTED BOARD AND COMMITTEE WORK AGING / SOCIAL VULNERABILITY:

Director: Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario

Secretary: PACE Independent Living (Disability)

Member: Canada Post Accessibility Committee
Senior Fellow: Canadian Centre for Elder Law

Vice-Chair: National Initiative For Care of the Elderly

Current Executive Member and Past Chair: Canadian Bar
Association National Elder Law Section







SELECTED OTHER BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

- Family Councils Ontario – Past Chair of the Board
- National Initiative for Care of the Elderly (NICE network) – current Board member, Committee Chair, Law and Aging Chair
- Director of Policy – NICE Network
- Toronto Police Expert Advisory Committee – current member
- Toronto Accountability Roundtable – Expert Advisory member
- Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention Collaborative member (BC) – 2004-2011
- Federal / Provincial / Territorial Ministerial Roundtable Expert on Seniors (various years)
- US National Institutes on Health International Expert



