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Susan is a partner at Dutton Brock LLP in Toronto, Ontario where she's practiced since joining the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1996. She holds a Masters of Law in Civil Litigation from Osgoode Hall Law School. She defends corporations and insurers in liability claims, focusing on professional negligence, product liability, occupiers and motor vehicle cases. She has tried insurance coverage, government and regulatory negligence, sexual assault, occupier's liability, motor vehicle, marine law, disability insurance and medical malpractice cases and has appeared frequently in the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Susan serves on the Board of DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar as Director of Canada Region, is a member of the Center for Law and Public Policy and was the DRI State Representative for Canada (2011-2014). She's the Chair of DRI for Life – DRI's initiative to provide resources on lawyers' wellness and work life balance. She is a Past President of Canadian Defence Lawyers (2009-2010) and has served on its Board since 2004. She served on the Board of The Advocates' Society from 2012-2014, co-chaired its Personal Injury Practice Group (2014-2016), served on its Civil Trials Taskforce and as a civil litigation skills instructor. Susan is a member of the: Toronto Bench and Bar Committee; International Association of Defense Counsel; Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel; and Association of Defense and Trial Counsel. She is on the Board of the new Canadian Defence Lawyers Foundation.

Susan is active in lawyers' continuing education and has chaired programs and lectured for The Advocates' Society, Canadian Defence Lawyers, the Ontario Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the York University Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development Program, the International Association of Defense Lawyers, the Toronto Lawyers Association, the Canadian Institute and the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators. Susan has also chaired programs for the Canadian and Ontario Risk and Insurance Managers Societies, the Ontario Insurance Adjusters Association, and has presented to the Risk and Insurance Managers Society (Canada) National Conference and the Canadian Insurance Claims Managers Association Ontario Branch.

Since 2001, Susan has been a partner at the Toronto law firm of Dutton Brock LLP. Originally the litigation department of a firm created over 50 years ago, Dutton Brock celebrates its 35th anniversary this year and remains a pre-eminent defence civil and insurance litigation firm in Ontario. The firm defends Canadian and international corporate, institutional and government clients in liability claims, class proceedings, appellate advocacy, and provides risk management consulting. All of Dutton Brock's 50 lawyers are committed to continuing legal education and advocacy.