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Areas of Expertise

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Joanne Vandale is a Partner in Osler’s National Tax Group with a practice focused exclusively on tax litigation and dispute resolution. With two decades of experience representing clients in complex tax matters, Joanne is widely recognized for her strategic advocacy and deep understanding of Canada’s tax landscape.

She represents clients before the Tax Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal and has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada. She guides corporations, partnerships, trusts and individuals through audits, objections, and litigation against the Canada Revenue Agency and provincial tax authorities. Her expertise spans a broad range of contentious tax issues, including the general anti-avoidance rule (GAAR), resource taxation, transfer pricing, executive compensation, and SR&ED tax credits.

Joanne is known for combining technical excellence with a practical, client-focused approach. She has acted on numerous high-profile cases and is recognized for her ability to navigate complex tax disputes. She has acted for major corporations across sectors such as energy, natural resources, agriculture, and technology.

Joanne is actively involved in the Canadian tax community. She is a past chair of the Canadian Bar Association’s Tax Specialists (South) section and a former board member of the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society. She is frequently invited to speak and write on tax controversy topics.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Tax: Litigation
 - **Lexpert: Rising Stars:** Recognized as a Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40
 - **Lexpert Special Edition:** Recognized in Insolvency and Restructuring
 - **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Corporate Tax; Litigation – Corporate Tax
 - **Best Lawyers:** Recognized in Tax Law
 - **International Tax Review:** Recognized in Tax Controversy; Women in Tax leader; Recognized as a Highly Regarded Lawyer
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Credentials

Education

- University of Alberta, LL.B.
 - University of Calgary, B.A. English
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Languages

- English
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Professional Affiliations

- Canadian Tax Foundation
- Canadian Petroleum Tax Society
- International Fiscal Association
- American Bar Association
- Advocates' Society
- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association