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**Press Release re: Dale Ponder to receive the 2017 Award of Distinction from the Toronto Lawyers Association**

The TLA Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Ms. Dale Ponder, National Managing Partner and Chief Executive of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, will be awarded the TLA's 2017 Award of Distinction. By conferring its Award of Distinction on Ms. Ponder, the TLA recognizes her outstanding contributions to the legal profession and to the Toronto legal community over the course of her distinguished career.

Ms. Ponder has been recognized repeatedly as one of WXN's Top 100 Powerful Women in Canada and as one of the Top 25 by Canada's Women of Influence organization. She was the recipient of a 2013 Lexpert Zenith Award and the 2016 ICRF Business Award. In the course of her legal practice, Ms. Ponder has been recognized as one of Canada's leading M&A practitioners and has received industry recognition by Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business, Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada and Best Lawyers in Canada. Throughout her career she has been a frequent speaker on topics related to M&A law, leadership in the professional services industry and women in leadership, including in the Women of Influence Speaker Series, the Rotman Judy Project and Western Law School's Distinguished Speaker Series.

Ms. Ponder is a Member of The Learning Partnership Advisory Board and the Governors' Council of St. Michael's Hospital Foundation and is a mentor in the Women's Executive Network. She is a past-Special Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto in advanced securities and business law. She is also a director on the public company boards of CREIT and Morneau Shepell Inc.

The award will be presented to Ms. Ponder at the TLA's annual Awards of Distinction Reception to be held on March 2, 2017 at the King Edward Hotel.

For a full list of past recipients, please see the [Awards Recipients](#) webpage.

Stephen Mullings  
President