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Patricia Kosseim is General Counsel of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) since January 2005. She oversees the activities of the Legal Services, Policy and Parliamentary Affairs Branch which include: providing strategic legal and policy advice on a broad range of privacy issues across multiple sectors; representing the OPC before courts and Parliamentary Committees; and developing legal and policy approaches for addressing novel privacy implications of emerging information technologies.

Between 2008 and 2010, Patricia was on Executive Interchange with Genome Canada, where she developed and led a national strategy for addressing complex ethical, economic, environmental, legal and social aspects of genomics research (GE<sup>3</sup>LS).

Prior to joining OPC, Patricia spent five years building and leading the Ethics Office of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, responsible for: developing national research ethics policies; fostering compliance with principles of research ethics and integrity; and, promoting research on ethical, legal and social issues in health care and health research.

During this period, she was also briefly seconded to Canada Health Infoway to advise on privacy issues related to the development of pan-Canadian electronic health record systems as part of the company's inaugural business plan.

Patricia worked in Montreal for over six years with a large national law firm, practicing primarily in the areas of health law, human rights, labor & employment law, privacy law, administrative law, professional liability and civil litigation.

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