



# Nikolas De Stefano

## NIKOLAS DE STEFANO

is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Nikolas' developing litigation practice covers a broad range of areas including commercial disputes, professional liability and regulation, civil matters, public law and class actions.

Prior to joining the firm, Nikolas worked as an associate at a leading litigation boutique in Montreal. Before that, he served as a judicial law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Rosalie Abella where he assisted her with appeals on a variety of civil, criminal and public law matters.

Nikolas received a dual bachelors of law from McGill University. In law school, Nikolas excelled academically, graduating on the Dean's list and winning a number of academic prizes throughout his studies. He also worked as a research assistant and volunteered at the faculty's legal clinic where he provided legal information to the public and represented students accused of various disciplinary and academic offences.

### Education

McGill University, Faculty of Law  
(2020) JD/BCL

### Bar Admissions

Ontario (2022)  
Québec (2020)

### Practice Areas

Appeals  
Arbitration  
Class Actions  
Commercial Litigation  
Defamation and Media  
Employment  
Injunctions  
Investigations  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability and Regulation  
Public Law

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## RECOGNITION

- Stanley Kandestin, Q.C. Prize (2020)  
McGill University, Faculty of Law
- Wainwright Essay Prize (2019)  
McGill University, Faculty of Law
- Daniel Mettarlin Scholarship (2018)  
McGill University, Faculty of Law

## SELECT CASES

- **Empire Steel Inc v 2469521 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the Defendants in an action arising from an alleged breach of a supply agreement.
- **Costco Wholesale Corporation v TicketOps Corporation** – Counsel to the applicant in a successful application to have American arbitral awards and court judgments recognized and enforced in Ontario.
- **The Corporation of the City of Kingston v Jason English et al** – Counsel to the City of Kingston in an application for a permanent injunction which involved a *Charter* Challenge to one of its by-laws.
- **Public Order Emergency Commission** – Counsel to Former Ottawa Police Chief Peter Sloly in a Judicial Inquiry into the circumstances that led to the declaration of emergency that was in place from February 14-23, 2022, and the measures taken for dealing with the emergency.

- **Independent Investigation** – Independent investigation into allegations of bullying and breach of policy by a senior official.
- **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a Judicial Inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway.

#### SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Nikolas De Stefano** – Canada’s leading litigation firm adds another exceptionally talented lawyer to its talent pool.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates’ Society
- Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario