



Amanda Smallwood

AMANDA SMALLWOOD
is counsel at Lenczner Slaght

Amanda is a litigator with a focus on healthcare. She has acted for professionals in a range of sensitive and complex matters before disciplinary and regulatory tribunals, and before all levels of court in Ontario.

Amanda provides timely and strategic guidance to health care providers navigating a wide range of medical-legal issues. She regularly advises on regulatory complaints and investigations, discipline proceedings, hospital privileges disputes, privacy law obligations, human rights complaints, and related appeals.

Amanda has also presented continuing education programs for health practitioners, offering practical advice on ways to reduce the risk of complaints and litigation in professional practice.

After graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School, Amanda served as a law clerk for the judges of the Ontario Divisional Court and the Superior Court of Justice. Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght, Amanda was a litigator with a leading insurance defence firm in Toronto.

Education

Acadia University (2007) BA
(Honours in Psychology and English)
Osgoode Hall Law School (2010) JD
Osgoode Certificate in Health Law,
Osgoode Professional Development
Centre (2014)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2011)

Practice Areas

Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law

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RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2021-2025)
Health Care Law, Medical Negligence
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2021-2025)
Medical Negligence, Professional Liability

SELECT CASES

- **PHIPA Decision 240** – Counsel to the successful respondent physician in a complaint before the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, relating to the application of the access provisions of the Personal Health Information Protection Act in a circumstance where the complainant was a relative and not a patient.
- **Re JM** – Counsel to the Applicant physician on a proceeding before the Consent and Capacity Board, seeking a determination as to whether or not a substitute decision maker had complied with the requirements of the *Health Care Consent Act* in declining consent for the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment.

- **McAfee v Holloway** – Counsel to the defendant psychologist on summary judgment and appeal in a malpractice claim alleging negligence in the performance of a parenting capacity assessment in the child protection context. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)
- **Douglas v Lewis** – Counsel to a defendant psychologist on a summary judgment motion in a civil claim alleging negligence in the completion of a Form 1 under the *Mental Health Act*. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)
- **Kurdina v Berry** – Counsel to the defendant psychologist on summary judgment and appeal in a civil claim alleging negligence in the diagnosis of a delusional disorder. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)
- **Kim v Camenietzki** – Counsel to the respondent psychologist on a successful application for dismissal of a matter before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario involving allegations of discrimination in the context of communications with a patient's WSIB case worker. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)
- **Spurrell v College of Massage Therapists of Ontario** – Counsel to a registered massage therapist on an appeal to the Divisional Court from a finding of professional misconduct relating to the use of acupuncture on a patient. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)
- **Boston v Ontario (Attorney General)** – Counsel to the respondent registered social worker on a successful application for dismissal of a matter before the Human Rights Tribunal involving allegations of discrimination in the preparation of a custody and access assessment and testimony in family court proceedings. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Essentials of Practice Management for Health Lawyers** – Amanda Smallwood was invited to co-chair the Ontario Bar Association's program titled *Essentials of Practice Management for Health Lawyers*. Amanda led a discussion for healthcare lawyers on growing their business, developing and managing relationships with sophisticated organizations and clients, navigating the short, unpredictable timelines in the regulatory space, and assisting clients in crisis.
- **Keeping Up With Health Law** – Amanda Smallwood was invited to present at the Ontario Bar Association's call-in series, "Keeping Up With Healthcare." This series kept participants informed about significant cases and legislative updates. Amanda discussed the recent decision in *Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v Trozzi*.

BLOG POSTS

- **"Justice Accelerated": Ontario AG Doug Downey Reflects on Rapid Modernization in Response to COVID-19** – As we near nine months since the emergence of COVID-19 in Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General for Ontario, recently reflected on the pace of change that resulted within the legal system.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **2025 Lexpert Directory Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Excellence in Advocacy** – Peers and senior members of the legal profession across the country continue to recognize the depth and breadth of Canada's leading litigation firm in the latest *2025 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized as the Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the 2025 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Lenczner Slaght is proud to receive 168 total rankings, with 45 of our expert litigators recognized for their expertise across 25 practice areas.
- **The 2024 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence** – Lenczner Slaght's litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized as Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 41 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 24 practice areas. The following lawyers have also been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for receiving the highest overall peer-feedback in their practice areas in Toronto.
- **Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence Recognized in 2023 Lexpert Directory** – Following comprehensive peer review surveys and interviews with senior members in the legal profession, the 2023 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* has recognized 31 of the firm's expert litigators for their experience, knowledge, and precision, with 108 rankings spanning 17 practice areas.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized Among the Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 39 of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers for their expertise across 24 practice areas.
- **The 2022 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence** – 31 of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners across 18 fields.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Ranked Among Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 37 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 25 practice areas.
- **The 2021 Lexpert Directory Recognizes 30 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers** – An increasing number of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Best Lawyers in Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Expertise** – Lenczner Slaght is proud to announce that 33 of our expert litigators are recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada 2021*. Our lawyers received a total of 128 rankings, up from 100 in 2020.
- **Amanda Smallwood Joins Lenczner Slaght** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Advocates' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Medico-Legal Society of Toronto
- Ontario Bar Association
- Member-at-Large of the Health Law Executive