



# Angela Hou

## ANGELA HOU

is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Angela summered and articulated at the Firm. As an associate, she has built a practice of complex commercial litigation, employment disputes, class actions, and professional liability and public law matters.

Angela graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. She received the H. Carl Goldenberg Award in Labour Law and University of Toronto Student Leadership Award (the Gordon Cressy Award) for her commitment and service to the Faculty of Law. Angela was a caseworker at Advocates for Injured Workers, where she represented clients before the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.

Angela's practice is dynamic and varied. Her work ranges from advising on employment disputes on behalf of both employees and employers, to assisting in large multi-jurisdiction complex commercial and class action matters, to representing the Federal Government in litigation before courts and trade tribunals. In addition, Angela acts in professional liability disputes, defending and prosecuting professionals before their regulatory bodies. She also regularly defends medical professionals in personal injury lawsuits before Ontario trial courts.

Angela is from Vancouver, British Columbia and moved to the East Coast to complete her undergraduate degree in International Development Studies and Political Science at Dalhousie University. While at Dalhousie, she served on the Senate Discipline Committee, where she adjudicated academic and Code of Conduct offences.

### Education

University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2020) JD  
Dalhousie University (2017) BA  
(Combined Honours – International Development Studies and Political Science)

### Bar Admissions

Ontario (2021)

### Practice Areas

Class Actions  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment  
Injunctions  
Investigations  
Professional Liability and Regulation  
Public Law

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## SELECT CASES

- **Chief James Marlowe and the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation v Mirza Mohammad Imran Karim Barlas et al** – Counsel to the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation and its elected chief in an oppression application (and related injunction) arising from allegations of breach of fiduciary duty, misappropriation, and fraud by the CEO of the First Nations' company.

- **Newland Canada Corporation v Department of National Defence** – Counsel to Public Works and Government Services Canada in successfully defending a procurement complaint before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, which involved allegations of a breach of trade agreements in the procurement of hotel services.
- **Larsen v ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp; Roy v TRW Automotive** – Counsel to an automotive parts manufacturer in proposed class actions in British Columbia and Ontario relating to allegedly defective airbag control units. Successful in having certification dismissed.
- **Stephan v El Chabib** – Counsel for the respondent physician in successfully resisting an appeal to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Law Society of Ontario v Meisels** – Successful prosecution of a lawyer for professional misconduct on behalf of the Law Society of Ontario. The Lawyer was held to have knowingly participated in and assisted in fraudulent conduct. The Respondent Lawyer's license was revoked by the Law Society Tribunal and he was ordered to pay the Law Society \$75,000 in costs.
- **Weinstein v Wilkinson; Weinstein v Alangh, Weinstein v Desai** – Counsel for the respondent physicians in successfully resisting three related appeals to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Owala v Makary** – Counsel to several defendant physicians in connection with a medical negligence action after a woman died from an aortic dissection. Successfully defended the action through a 10-week trial.
- **HMQ (Canada) v Canadian Transit Company** – Counsel to the Government of Canada in relation to litigation relating to the Detroit/Windsor transportation corridor and the new DRIC Bridge.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **The Coles Notes on Coles: Product Recalls Can Defeat Certification** – Jonathan Chen and Angela Hou co-authored an article on the decision in *Coles v FCA Canada Inc.*, a case which further highlights the effectiveness of a thoughtful recall program initiated by the manufacturer at defeating certification. The article was published by The Lawyer's Daily.
- **The Hamish Stewart Cup** – Angela Hou appeared as a judge at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law's Hamish Stewart Cup, a criminal-constitutional moot for first-year students.
- **Student and Recent Calls** – Angela Hou organized and moderated GROWL's Student and Recent Calls event. The panel discussed their experiences and advice for new and aspiring racialized women litigators.
- **The Canadian Class Action Review** – Paul-Erik Veel, Adil Abdulla, and Angela Hou co-authored the article *The Limits of Case Management: A Review and Principled Approach to the Court's General Management Powers*, which was published in Volume 16, No. 2 of The Canadian Class Action Review.
- **Journal of Law & Equality** – Angela Hou was co-Editor in Chief of the Journal of Law & Equality, Vol. 16 No. 1 (2020).

## BLOG POSTS

- **Recall Remedy Once Again Preferable to Class Action** – History has

shown that recalls for product defects are often followed by a proposed class action lawsuit. While many products cases in that context have been certified, we have now seen certification of proposed class actions being denied on the basis that there is already an effective recall campaign in place. We have seen this in *Maginnis and Magnaye v FCA Canada et al* and *Richardson v Samsung*.

#### SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Six New Associates** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of six exceptional associates.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers
- The Advocates Society
- Group of Racialized Ontario Women Litigators (GROWL)  
Executive Committee Member