



Education

McGill University (2024) BCL & JD
University of Ottawa (2021) BSocSc
(Joint Honours – Political Science
and History with French Immersion)

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is an articling student at Lenczner Slaght.

Anna recently graduated in the top ten percent of her class from McGill Law's bilingual joint Bachelor of Civil Law and Juris Doctor program in December 2024.

During law school, Anna embraced various experiential learning opportunities; including teaching a legal research and writing small group program for first-year law students, participating in the University of Ottawa's Copyright Policy Moot, acting as a group assistant for a contract law class, and working with a legal clinic that helps students resolve disputes with the university. Beyond academics, Anna served as the proud editor-in-chief of McGill Law's weekly newspaper, *Quid Novi*. Anna's academic successes and contributions to student life were recognized through multiple scholarships awarded by McGill Law's Prizes and Awards Committee.

Before law school, Anna completed a bilingual Joint Honours Bachelor of Social Sciences in Political Science and History at the University of Ottawa. She particularly enjoyed studying Canadian politics and law, which was brought to life while working in a leadership role as a Senate Page in the Senate of Canada. During the pandemic, Anna found remote volunteer opportunities to keep herself busy while giving back to her community. This included working with Kid's Help Phone, Canadian Parents for French, and serving on Library and Archives Canada's National Youth Council.

SELECT CASES

- **VIA Rail Canada Inc v Canadian National Railway Company and Attorney General of Canada** – Counsel to Canadian National Railway Company responding to a judicial review brought by VIA Rail Canada Inc. in the Federal Court of Canada. Successfully brought a motion to strike the judicial review without leave to amend on the basis that CN is not a judicially reviewable decision-maker and the Federal Court did not have jurisdiction over the dispute.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **The Quid Novi** – Anna McAllister authored an article for *The Quid Novi*, published by the McGill University Faculty of Law, reflecting on her experience navigating the Toronto 2L Recruit and the factors that guided her decision to join Lenczner Slaght. In the piece, Anna shares insights into the challenges and learnings from the recruitment process, as well

as the values and culture that ultimately drew her to the firm.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2024 –**
Canada's leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent with the addition of 11 exceptional summer students.