



Education

Queen's University (2010) JD
(Dean's Honours List)
Queen's International Study Centre
(UK) (2008) Certificate in Public
International Law (Dean's Honours
List)
University of Toronto (2007) BA
(Honours - International Relations
and Economics)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2011)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Arbitration
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Defamation and Media
Injunctions
Insolvency and Restructuring
Product Liability
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law
Securities Litigation

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BRIAN KOLENDA

is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

"Brian has proven himself to be an exceptional advocate, a strong project manager, and a trusted advisor who gives practical advice in the face of complex issues." — *Client*

Brian works with his clients to help them solve some of their most challenging problems. As a commercial litigator, Brian is regularly called upon by his clients in complex business disputes, class actions, securities, insolvency matters and reputation management and defamation. His clients include leading Canadian and international businesses, financial institutions, major private companies, securities and other professionals, and government agencies. He has a particular expertise in cases involving fraud and complex financial instruments.

Brian acts as lead counsel at trial, on appeal, in arbitrations and in administrative tribunals. He appears at every level of court in Ontario and British Columbia, in the Federal Court, and at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Brian was the Editor-in-Chief of the Queen's Law Journal and a member of the Queen's Law Jessup International Law moot team. He now coaches the Queen's Law Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association Moot team.

RECOGNITION

- Lexpert Rising Stars (2022)
Leading Lawyers Under 40
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2022-2026)
Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Defamation and Media Law, Director and Officer Liability Practice, Securities Law
- Borden Ladner Gervais Professional Excellence Award (2010)
Queen's University
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2019-2026)
Class Actions (2025), Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Litigation - Directors' & Officers' Liability (2025), Litigation - Securities, Defamation & Media, Professional Liability (2019)
- Chambers Canada (2025-2026)
Litigation: Securities (Ontario)
- Dan Soberman Outstanding Young Alumni Award (2018)
Queen's University
- Lexology Index: Commercial Litigation (2018-2025)
Future Leader
- Lexpert Guide to the Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada

- (2025-2026)
Corporate Commercial Litigation
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers (2024-2025)
 - Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers (2023-2025)
 - McCarthy Tétrault Leadership Award
Queen's University
 - The Legal 500 Canada (2022-2026)
Dispute Resolution (Next Generation Partner)

SELECT CASES

- **Lundin Mining Corporation v Dov Markowich** – Counsel to the intervenor, CFA Societies Canada, at the Supreme Court of Canada in a matter that considers the definition of “material change” under the *Securities Act*.
- **In the Matter of Nicholas Agar and Paul Ungerman** – Counsel to the co-founder of a cryptocurrency and blockchain project that was the subject of an investigation by a Canadian securities regulator in relation to concerns that have been raised about the status of the cryptocurrency as a security, prospectus exemption requirements and representations that were made to those who have purchased the cryptocurrency.
- **Mueller v Nissan Canada Inc et al** – Co-counsel to the plaintiff in a certified class action related to timing chains.
- **Ernst & Young LLP v Doe** – Counsel to the applicant, EY, in successfully obtaining an order for the repayment of stolen funds, fraudulently obtained by way of a sophisticated cyberfraud scheme.
- **Bluemoon Capital Ltd v Ceridian HCM Holding Inc et al** – Counsel to applicant in Norwich application seeking information relating to the acquisition of Lifeworks.
- **Confidential Matter** – Counsel to investor in arbitration regarding oppression and dissent claims.
- **Urban Mechanical Contracting Ltd et al v Zurich Insurance Company Ltd** – Counsel to Zurich in an appeal from several applications brought by the lenders and subcontractors on the St. Michael's Hospital Redevelopment Project in Toronto. The lenders and subcontractors sought to prevent Zurich from seeking rescission of surety bonds worth nearly \$300 million in a separate action. The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal, allowing Zurich to continue with its action for rescission.
- **Fleming v York University** – Counsel to York University in judgment enforcement proceedings arising from a multi-million dollar fraud against the University. Most recently, successfully resisted an application by a judgment debtor which sought to draw down equity in assets available to York for enforcement purposes.
- **2615975 Ontario Limited v Canopy Rivers Inc. (In the Matter of a Plan of Compromise or Arrangement of PharmHouse Inc.)** – Counsel for Canopy Growth Corporation in an insolvency of PharmHouse Inc., a cannabis greenhouse joint venture.
- **Product Liability** – Defence of a product liability action including allegation of negligent design and manufacture of a multi-million-dollar electric arc furnace.
- **Industrial Alliance Securities Inc v Kunicyn** – Counsel to an investment advisor in an employment dispute arising from a regulatory

investigation.

- **Pliteq Inc v Sof Surfaces Inc** – Counsel to the defendant (plaintiff by counterclaim), Sof Surfaces Inc., in a bet-the-company commercial and intellectual property litigation, involving claims of trademark infringement and unfair competition claims under the Trademark Act and Competition Act and common law.
- **Fiera Private Debt Inc et al v Private Debt Partners et al** – Counsel to the defendants (plaintiffs by counterclaim) in an action alleging conspiracy and breach of fiduciary duties by former employees of a company. The counterclaim alleges that the plaintiffs have engaged in constructive dismissal and promulgated defamatory comments.
- **Zurich Insurance Company Ltd v 2442931 Ontario Inc, Bondfield Construction Company Limited, John Aquino, Vasos Georgiou and Unity Health Toronto** – Counsel to Zurich in an action to rescind surety bonds worth nearly \$300 million, and to recover over \$68 million, due to collusion and misrepresentations in the bidding process for the St. Michael's Hospital Redevelopment Project in Toronto.
- **Chelin v Carr** – Counsel to the defendant accounting firm in a claim alleging negligence and breach of trust against a former partner of the firm.
- **Panacci v Volkswagen** – Counsel to the plaintiff in a certified class action related to timing chain tensioners.
- **Healthy Body Services Inc v Raytek Communications** – Counsel to the plaintiff in the trial and appeal of an action to recover proceeds of fraud alleged to have been knowingly received from a convicted fraudster.
- **Re 144 Park Ltd** – Counsel to a purchaser in a successful proceeding to oppose a *Construction Lien Act* Trustee's attempt to disclaim several agreements of purchase and sale.
- **In the Matter of Benedict Cheng et al** – Counsel to the respondent in Ontario Securities Commission proceedings alleging tipping in an insider trading matter. The proceedings were resolved by way of settlement.
- **Kalra v Mercedes Benz-Canada Inc** – Co-counsel to plaintiff in a certified Canadian class action against Daimler AG and Canadian and U.S. subsidiaries in relation to emissions technology. The parties have recently reached a settlement, which the Court approved.
- **Baldwin v Imperial Metals Corporation** – Counsel to the defendant Imperial Metals Corporation in a class action relating to alleged breaches of the Securities Act in connection with a breach of...
- **York University v Markicevic** – Counsel to plaintiff University in a successful trial of an action arising from fraud by senior university executives in connection with construction and...
- **Ferrero SpA v 218587 Ontario Limited** – Counsel to the defendant in a proceeding relating to the sale of food products containing the plaintiff's trademark. Successfully opposed an inter...
- **Re Ernst & Young LLP (Sino-Forest and Zungui Haixi)** – Counsel to the respondent auditor in two proceedings brought by the Ontario Securities Commission under the Securities Act resulting in the first no...
- **Bennett v Bennett Environmental** – Counsel to the plaintiff in successful proceedings for advancement of funds to pay legal fees relating to criminal charges. The Court's decisions in...

- **Éditions Écosociété Inc v Banro Corp** – Counsel to the appellant in the Supreme Court of Canada in an interjurisdictional defamation matter. The Court’s decision in this case is one of its leading precedents in the application of public law to defamation.
- **Barclays Bank v Metcalfe & Mansfield (Devonshire Trust)** – Counsel to Devonshire Trust in a case arising out of the disruption of the Canadian Asset Backed Commercial Paper market in August 2007. Devonshire...
- **Terracap v Credit Andorra** – Counsel to the plaintiff in action to recover escrow funds from aborted real estate transaction. Successfully opposed a motion to stay the action on the...
- **Inukshuk Wireless Partnership v 4253311 Canada Inc** – Counsel to the defendants in an action relating to an alleged breach of an agreement to convey radio wave spectrum licenses.
- **College of Massage Therapists of Ontario v Heaven** – Counsel to the College of Massage Therapists in Discipline Committee hearing concerning allegations of practicing while suspended. Hearing proceeded on...
- **Zaniewicz and Clarke v Zungui Haixi Corporation** – Counsel for one of the defendants in a shareholder class action alleging that the defendant company’s public offering prospectus and other disclosure...
- **Allied Systems (Canada) Company v Honda Canada Inc** – Counsel to applicant in proceedings seeking declaratory relief for breach of a transportation contract.
- **Elfarnawani v International Olympic Committee** – Counsel to the IOC in an action brought in Ontario by the plaintiff arising out of the IOC’s decision to declare the plaintiff persona-non grata in the...
- **College of Massage Therapists of Ontario v Kamoulakos** – Prosecutor for The College of Massage Therapists in Discipline Committee hearing concerning allegations of, among other things, practicing while suspended...
- **Smith v Lattuca** – Counsel to the defendant physicians in a medical negligence proceedings. Successfully opposed a motion by the plaintiff to extend the deadline to...

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Commercial List Year in Review 5-Year Retrospective (2021-2025)** – This guide offers data-driven analysis on all decisions published on CanLII from 2021-2025, an overview of the top 10 noteworthy cases, as well as key developments in insolvency matters, shareholder disputes, injunctions, and securities litigation.
- **2025 Snapshot: Through the Lens of Lenczner Slaght** – We’ve released our *2025 Snapshot*, highlighting the most significant developments, decisions, and trends in litigation from the past year across 21 practice areas. Reflect on 2025 and look ahead to 2026 through the lens of our expert litigators.
- **Prosecuting and Defending Professional Discipline Cases 2025** – Jaan Lilles and Brian Kolenda were invited to share their expertise at OsgoodePD’s annual program on professional discipline hearings. Jaan discussed *Assessing the Regulator’s Duties and Powers*.

- **2024 Snapshot: Through the Lens of Lenczner Slaght** – Lenczner Slaght launches our *2024 Snapshot*, which highlights the most significant developments, decisions, and trends in litigation from the past year across 20 areas of expertise. Reflect on 2024 and look ahead to 2025 through the lens of our expert litigators.
- **14th Annual Securities Symposium** – Brian Kolenda was invited to share his expertise at The Advocates' Society's *Annual Securities Symposium* on new developments and emerging issues in securities litigation. Brian presented on the panel "Emerging Trends in Shareholder Activism and ESG Litigation".
- **2023 Snapshot: Through the Lens of Lenczner Slaght** – Lenczner Slaght launches our *2023 Snapshot*, a look at the most significant developments, decisions, business takeaways, and trends in litigation from the last year, across 15 practice areas. Revisit 2023 and look ahead to 2024 through the lens of our expert litigators.
- **Class Actions Advocacy** – Monique Jilesen and Brian Kolenda shared their expertise at The Advocates' Society's annual program on *Class Actions Advocacy*, co-chaired by Jonathan Chen. The program offered the latest developments, comparative legislation, and multi-jurisdictional challenges in class actions. Monique presented on "Cross Examination of Experts: Advanced Skills," while Brian presented on "Lightning Round: Case Law Updates in Class Actions Litigation".
- **Canadian Contract Law: Essential Updates and Practical Analysis** – Brian Kolenda was invited to share his expertise at Osgoode PD's "National Annual Symposium on Canadian Contract Law". Brian discussed *Recent Developments on Good Faith in Contracts*.
- **The Twelve-Minute Civil Litigator 2022** – Brian Kolenda shared his expertise at the Law Society of Ontario's annual program, "The Twelve-Minute Civil Litigator". Brian presented on *Injunctive Relief in the Age of Cryptocurrency*.
- **2022 ARIL Virtual Conference** – Brian Kolenda shared his expertise at the 2022 ARIL Virtual Conference. He presented on the panel "To Supply or Not to Supply: What are the Questions?".
- **An Evening with the Commercial Bench** – Brian Kolenda co-hosted The Advocates' Society's program titled *An Evening with the Commercial Bench*. The program included a judicial panel discussion on recent developments in commercial matters including practical advice.
- **The Litigator's Guide To the Business of Law** – Brian Kolenda co-chaired The Advocates' Society program titled "The Litigator's Guide To the Business of Law". The program helped guide mid-career litigators who are new to department leadership or are looking to enter into this role. Monique Jilesen also attended and shared her expertise as a panelist.
- **Shutting Off the Tap: When Can (and Should) Suppliers Seek to Cut Off Post-Filing Supply?** – Brian Kolenda and Christopher Yung co-authored the article "*Shutting Off the Tap: When Can (and Should) Suppliers Seek to Cut Off Post-Filing Supply?*", published in the 19th Annual Review of Insolvency Law.
- **Surviving a Breakup: Dealing with Departing (and New!) Employees, Confidential Information, and IP** – Sana Halwani, Monique Jilesen, Brian Kolenda, and Sarah Millar presented at the GC Forum's Q3 event on October 3.

- **Eighth Annual Securities Symposium** – Brian Kolenda presented at the 8th Annual Securities Symposium. Discussions included emerging issues in the securities industry such as Class Actions, Cryptocurrencies, Corruption, and Cannabis.
- **Your Profession, Your Future: The Future of Media and the Law** – Brian Kolenda was a program chair for The Advocates' Society's panel discussion on how to manage the media in high profile cases, how to take a...
- **To Start I'll Have the Judgment, and For My Main Course, the Embassy** – Brian Kolenda moderated a panel discussion on foreign sovereign immunity at the ABA Section of International Law 2017 Spring Meeting in Washington, DC...
- **Home Field Advantage - How Canadian Courts Take and Impose Jurisdiction for Online Conduct** – Brian Kolenda spoke at ALAI Canada's conference on how Canadian courts take and impose jurisdiction for online conduct.
- **Act fast to lift automatic stay of proceedings** – Brian Kolenda authored the article Act fast to lift automatic stay of proceedings which examines Bank of Montreal v Bumper Development Corp for the...
- **Surveillance disclosure tightens** – Brian Kolenda's article appears in the May 1, 2015 issue of the Lawyers Weekly published by Lexis Nexis Canada Inc. This article discusses the decision in...

BLOG POSTS

- **5-Year Retrospective: Securities Litigation** – The blog, *5-Year Retrospective: Securities Litigation*, co-authored by Brian Kolenda and Jonathan McDaniel was published on [commercialist.com](#) as part of the Commercial List Year in Review: 5-Year Retrospective (2021-2025) guide. In this blog, they clarify the important points for issuers, underwriters, and securities lawyers to keep in mind in all kinds of securities litigation and regulatory proceedings — from when the OSC can have a receiver appointed, to underwriters' indemnity rights, to how securities class actions can proceed against insolvent issuers.
- **A Practical Guide to Managing Complex Multi-Party Litigation on the Commercial List** – Brian Kolenda and Christine Windsor's blog, *A Practical Guide to Managing Complex Multi-Party Litigation on the Commercial List*, was published on [commercialist.com](#). In this blog, Brian and Christine provide practical guidance for counsel navigating multi-party proceedings, including the Court's expectations around the Three Cs (cooperation, communication, and common sense), the Practice Direction, effective use of case management tools, and best practices for scheduling and proceeding to a hearing.
- **Practical Takeaways from the 2026 Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference** – The 2026 Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference (ARIL) brought together judges, practitioners, and academics to discuss developments in restructurings, bankruptcies, and receiverships. While the panels covered a wide range of topics, three themes stood out as particularly relevant to day-to-day practice:
- **Trials on Trial: A New Vision for Adjudication in Ontario** – If the Civil Rules Review Working Group's proposals for reforms to the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (summarized here) are adopted, trial practice in Ontario will undergo significant changes. Key aspects of those proposed reforms from the Final Policy Report released include:
- **When Price Drops Prove Too Much: Rethinking Materiality in Secondary Market Misrepresentation Class Actions** – In secondary

market misrepresentation cases, materiality does an enormous amount of work. It is the gatekeeper: no material misrepresentation, no liability. Courts therefore look for proxies – ways of inferring whether an alleged misstatement was “reasonably expected to have a significant effect on the market price or value of the securities.”

- **The Future of Civil Litigation in Ontario: Inside the Final Policy Report from the Civil Rules Review** – We have closely tracked the Civil Rules Review Working Group and its mandate to overhaul Ontario’s civil justice process.

Building on earlier proposals (which we have covered here), and after extensive consultation with stakeholders (see here), the Working Group released its Final Policy Report on December 15, 2025.
- **Supreme Court: Public Disclosure Must Level the Playing Field Between Companies and Investors** – In *Lundin Mining Corp v Markowich*, the Supreme Court of Canada delivered a significant ruling on the scope of disclosure standards for public companies in Canada, holding that disclosure standards should be interpreted broadly and flexibly to deter informational asymmetry between issuers and investors.
- **Updated Proposals for Changes to Ontario’s Rules of Civil Procedure Are Coming** – On April 1, 2025, the Civil Rules Review Working Group proposed significant changes to Ontario’s *Rules of Civil Procedure* in its Civil Rules Review Phase 2 Consultation Paper with the goals of improving efficiency, reducing costs, and enhancing access to justice. The Working Group’s original hope was that the proposed reforms, which Lenczner Slaght has previously summarized here, would take effect in January 2026.
- **Supreme Court: Canadian Governments Can Join in Class Actions to Pursue Redress for Cross-Border Harms** – Canada’s federal structure means national class actions naturally raise potential constitutional questions. Those questions become potentially more thorny where a class action is pursued not on behalf of individuals across multiple provinces and territories, but instead provincial and territorial governments themselves. The Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Sanis Health Inc v British Columbia* addressed many of those concerns and ultimately defined a broad scope for national class proceedings, including where a proposed class includes other provincial or territorial governments.
- **Aroma of Controversy: Stirring Up Arbitrator Disclosure Duties** – The Ontario Court of Appeal’s decision in *Aroma Franchise Company Inc v Aroma Espresso Bar Canada Inc* has reshaped the disclosure obligations of...
- **Digital Doppelgangers: Exploring the Implications of a Synthetic Voice That Might (or Might Not) Be Scarlett Johansson’s** – As widely reported by the likes of CBC, the Guardian, the Verge and CNBC, OpenAI has indicated they will “pause” the use of their AI-generated voice after users (and Scarlett Johansson herself) noted the striking similarity to Scarlett Johansson’s voice from the film “Her”. This connection may have been intentional, OpenAI’s CEO, Sam Altman, posted a one-word message – “her” – on his social media on the day the AI-generated voice was unveiled.
- **Bars or Bytes? Exploring the Implications of a Track that Drake Might (or Might Not) Have Created** – Did Drake respond to an alleged feud with fellow artists, including Kendrick Lamar and Rick Ross? As reported by the LA Times, a track titled ‘Push Ups (Drop and Give Me 50)’ appeared online recently, taking aim at Lamar and several of his recent musical collaborators. However, this track remained unclaimed on any of Drake’s official platforms, causing some to question whether this track was fan-generated using artificial intelligence. This cynicism may

be justified: Drake is reportedly no stranger to having to denounce fan-generated songs, and Lamar's rumoured response was actually the work of artificial intelligence and another rapper.

- **Annual Review of Insolvency Law Virtual Conference: 2022** – On February 4, 2022, CAIRP held its 19th Annual Review of Insolvency Law. The conference brought together insolvency law practitioners from across Canada for a showcase of papers authored for the latest edition of the *Annual Review of Insolvency Law* publication. The journal itself is now available in full on CanLII. Each panel was anchored by an ARIL paper whose author(s) led spirited discussions on contested topics important to the future of the insolvency practice.
- **There's No Business Like Show Business: Cineplex Awarded \$1.24 Billion in Busted Deal Lawsuit** – At the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, a buyer of any business, particularly a theater operation heavily affected by public health restrictions, might understandably ask themselves; "Can I walk away from the deal?"
- **Supreme Court of Canada Opens the Door to Claims Against Corporations for Breaches of International Law** – In its February 28, 2020 decision, *Nevsun Resources Ltd v Araya*, the Supreme Court of Canada allowed a claim by three Eritrean citizens against a British Columbia corporation operating in Eritrea to proceed. Canadian (and international) corporations with international operations in high risk jurisdictions should take note.
- **Breach of privacy or plain old defamation? Ontario Court recognizes "false light" privacy tort** – In the late 2019 decision in *V.M.Y. v S.H.G.*, Justice Kristjanson of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for the first time recognized the tort of "publicity placing a person in a false light" in Canadian law. But do we need yet another invasion of privacy tort?
- **LCO recommendations point to meaningful change in class actions** – The July 17, 2019 final report of the Law Commission of Ontario into class actions has the potential to impact significantly on the prosecution and defence of class actions in Ontario.
- **Class Actions: Settling at the court's discretion** – Parties to class action settlements often settle, at least in part, to avoid the ordinary uncertainty of litigation. Courts have long emphasized that while they retain discretion to supervise payments of lawyers' fees as part of a settlement, the settlement approval process will not entail the Court re-writing a settlement that it is not prepared to approve.
- **Can you defame someone just by hitting "reply" to an email?** – Pierre Lebel didn't like that Miranda Dyck was following his daughter on Twitter. Mr. Lebel sent an email to Andre Picotte (and several others). Mr. Lebel asked Mr. Picotte to email Ms. Dyck asking that she un-follow Mr. Lebel's daughter.
- **SCC says "not yet" to further admin law reform** – Yesterday's decision from the *Supreme Court of Canada in Wilson v. AECL* will no doubt generate (and has already generated: e.g. here, here) significant commentary.
- **Recent Decisions Create Uncertainty in State Immunity from Enforcement in Ontario** – Foreign states are rarely sued in domestic courts. In Canada, that is generally so for a single, good, reason: the *State Immunity Act*, ("SIA"). That statute, implementing the international law doctrine of state immunity into Canadian law, grants virtually all states immunity in respect of (most) non-commercial dealings.
- **The first (tentative) steps toward the application of Sattva in Ontario** – The Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Sattva Capital Corp. v. Creston Moly Corp.*, 2014 SCC 53 (*Sattva*) appeared to herald a new era

of deference to arbitrators: on at least ordinary questions of law, courts are now to review arbitration awards on a reasonableness standard.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Celebrates 25 Years on the Lexpert Bull's-Eye** – The 2026 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory continues to recognize Lenczner Slaght as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation.
- **Practical Takeaways from the 2026 Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference** – Matthew Lerner, Brian Kolenda, Christopher Yung, and Ravneet Minhas were featured in *Insolvency Insider Canada*, which reshared their blog on key takeaways from the 2026 Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference. Our expert litigators highlight three insolvency themes that can help legal counsel approach exceptional relief, manage greater attention to process and privilege, and respond to *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* protections.
- **11 Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized in Lexpert 500 Cross Border** – The 2026 edition of *Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers* features 11 of our preeminent lawyers, reflecting their exceptional advocacy and the trusted counsel they provide to clients navigating complex, high-stakes cross-border disputes.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized in Legal 500 Canada for Litigation Excellence** – As Canada's leading litigation firm, we are proud to maintain our Tier 1 ranking in Dispute Resolution in *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as Canada's Leading Litigators** – Based on an in-depth peer review process across the legal profession, 26 Lenczner Slaght lawyers are recognized in the 2025 Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers for their exceptional advocacy and extensive courtroom experience.
- **Navigating Proposed Reforms to Ontario's Rules of Civil Procedure** – Brian Kolenda was interviewed by Canadian Lawyer, where he discussed how the proposed reforms to Ontario's *Rules of Civil Procedure* could influence client strategy and reshape how litigators plan, assess, and resolve complex disputes.
- **Chambers Canada Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Excellence in Advocacy** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to be recognized in world-renowned directory, with new rankings highlighting its deep bench of expertise.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Featured Among Best Lawyers in Canada** – The 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 180+ rankings, featuring 48 of our expert litigators across 27 practice areas.
- **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's 24th Year at the Centre of the Lexpert Bull's Eye** – The 2025 edition of *Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada* continues to recognize Lenczner Slaght as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation.
- **Global TV News Interview** – Brian Kolenda was interviewed by Global TV News, where he shared his expert insights on the Supreme Court's decision allowing other provinces and the federal government to join

British Columbia's class action lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies that manufacture opioids.

- **Legal Experts on the Biggest Class Action Trends in Canada** – In Lexpert's Special Edition on Litigation, Brian Kolenda was interviewed for an article feature on class actions. Brian provided his expert insights on the trends and developments that have reshaped the class action landscape in Canada over the past year.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Recognized as Canada's Leading Litigators** – Following an in-depth peer review process across the legal profession, 21 Lenczner Slaght lawyers have been recognized in the *2024 Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers* guide for their extensive courtroom experience and subject-matter expertise.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as a Leading Litigation Firm in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm has reaffirmed its Tier 1 ranking in Dispute Resolution in *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Chambers Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Deep Bench of Expert Litigators** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to advance their position in the latest edition of the world-renowned 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.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Strength** – An increasing number of our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost lawyers in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is once again recognized as a "litigation powerhouse" according to *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **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.
- **Brian Kolenda Named a 2022 Lexpert Rising Star** – Brian Kolenda was recognized as a 2022 Lexpert Rising Star at last night's award ceremony at the Liberty Grand in Toronto.
- **Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a "Litigation Powerhouse" in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is once again ranked in Tier 1 for Dispute Resolution by *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **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.
- **Queen's Wins Provincial Trial Advocacy Moot** – Our expert litigators, Brian Kolenda

and Jonathan Chen, coached the winning team at the 2022 Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association Cup.

- **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.
- **Canadian Decision Offers Roadmap on M&A Obligations During a Pandemic** – In a law.com article, Eli S. Lederman and Brian Kolenda share their expert insights on the decision in *Cineplex v Cineworld*, which will provide clarification on where else in contracts the pandemic would impact contractual obligations.
- **Mercedes-Benz Settles Canadian Diesel Emissions Class Action** – Daimler AG and its Canadian and American Mercedes-Benz subsidiaries have agreed to settle a class proceeding concerning approximately 83,000 "BlueTEC" diesel vehicles in Canada. The proposed settlement provides for cash payments and other benefits to current and former owners and lessees.
- **Legal 500 Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Dominance** – Legal 500 recognizes Canada's leading litigation firm as "a regular fixture in the country's ground-breaking contentious cases".
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Appointed to The Advocates' Society's Leadership** – We are pleased to announce that Brian Kolenda, Andrew Parley, Shara Roy, Nina Bombier, Larry Thacker and Anne Posno have been elected to prominent leadership positions at The Advocates' Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice.
- **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.
- **The Secret Bondfield Files: Records Outline Alleged Kickbacks Between Former Executives Over St. Michael's Hospital Bid** – In a recent Globe and Mail article, Matthew Lerner and Brian Kolenda are quoted regarding their involvement in litigation between Zurich Insurance and Bondfield and Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Elected to The Advocates' Society's Leadership** – We are pleased to announce that Anne Posno, Nina Bombier and Shara Roy have been elected to prominent executive positions at The Advocates' Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice. Peter J. Osborne, Brian Kolenda, and Chris Kinnear Hunter will also be continuing their terms in their leadership positions.
- **Lexpert Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Professional Excellence** – Lenczner Slaght's litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Lenczner Slaght's R&R Lounge Receives Precedent Innovation Award** – Precedent Magazine recognizes Lenczner Slaght's R&R Lounge among the innovative people, projects and ideas that are actively improving the legal profession.
- **The 2019 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 89 Rankings** – An increasing number of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.

- **Who's Who Legal Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Dominance** – Eight Lenczner Slaght lawyers are recognized globally for their superb litigation expertise.
- **Queen's Law Celebrates Brian Kolenda** – Brian Kolenda was recognized by his alma mater as a rising star among Canadian trial lawyers.
- **Lenczner Slaght Names Brian Kolenda as a New Partner** – We are proud to welcome Brian Kolenda to the partnership.
- **Top 10 Decisions with Cross-Border Impact** – *Goldhar v Ha'aretz* is named in Lexpert's Top 10 Decisions with Cross-Border Impact as one of the cases with important implications in the United States. Lenczner Slaght's William C. McDowell and Brian Kolenda are mentioned as counsel to the plaintiff, Mitchell Goldhar. Will is also quoted in the article.
- **Lenczner Slaght and Koskie Minsky Commence Class Action Against Nissan Canada Inc.** – The two firms have combined forces and launched a class proceeding against Nissan, and other defendants, alleging that certain Nissan models contain a dangerous engine defect.
- **York University Succeeds in Fraud Claim Against Former Executive** – Following a lengthy trial, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has determined that former York employees played key roles in several significant frauds.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Serve As Jessup Moot Judges** – Canadian Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Taking Place in Halifax.
- **Lenczner Slaght Celebrates the Winners of Western Law's 2014 Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics Moot** – Lenczner Slaght is a proud supporter of Western Law's 5th annual "Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot".
- **Incoming Summer Student Advances at Jessup Moot** – Congratulations to the Queen's University team in obtaining Silver in the final rounds of the White & Case Canadian National Division Qualifying Tournament of the 2013 Jessup Moot. The Queen's team, including incoming summer student, Laura Robinson, advanced to the international rounds in Washington, D.C. Laura was recognized in the Top 25 Oralists Rankings.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Advocates' Society
Member-at-Large of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group (2021-2022); 10+ Standing Committee Member (2019-2021)
- Ontario Securities Commission
Securities Proceedings Advisory Committee (2024-2027)
- OTLA Trial Advocacy Moot, Queen's University
Coach
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- University of Toronto
Sessional Lecturer (Department of Political Science) - International Law (Former)