



Education

Osgoode Hall Law School (In Progress) JD
Western University (2023) BA
(Honours Specialization – Politics, Philosophy and Economics:
Economics Concentration)

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DONYA TAMEHI

is a summer student at Lenczner Slaght.

Donya is completing her JD at Osgoode Hall Law School. She discovered her strong interest in advocacy through Osgoode Hall Law School's mooting program. A finalist at her first moot, the Lerner's Cup, she went on to earn top distinctions, including placing first overall as a Distinguished Oralist at the Baby Jessup Moot and as a Top Oralist at the Frozen Open Osgoode Moot. The latter performance earned her a place representing Osgoode at the Cassels Brock "Baby Gale" Cup. Most recently, she was recognized as the runner-up Appellant Top Oralist at the Adam A. Fanaki Competition Law Moot.

At law school, Donya further strengthened her research and written advocacy skills through clinical placements. As an Immigration Division Leader with Osgoode's Community & Legal Aid Services Program, she advocated on behalf of non-status residents while navigating complex legal challenges. She further refined her legal writing as a contributor to TheCourt.ca, Osgoode's legal commentary blog, where she now serves as a Co-Managing Editor.

Before law school, Donya completed an Honours Specialization in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics at Western University, with a concentration in economics.

RECOGNITION

- Borden Ladner Gervais Professional Excellence Award (2024)
Osgoode Hall Law School Faculty of Law
- Dr. W. Glenn Campbell and Dr. Mark K. Inman Award in Economics (2022)
Western University, Faculty of Economics
- McMillan LLP Award (2024)
Osgoode Hall Law School Faculty of Law

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Appeal Watch: Uneven Scrutiny and Twin Myth Safeguards – A Cry for Clarity** – Donya Tamehi authored an article for Osgoode's legal commentary blog, theCourt.ca. The article discusses how the upcoming *R v Kinamore* appeal gives the Supreme Court of Canada an opportunity to clarify the role of "uneven scrutiny" as a ground for appellate review and to assess exemptions of Crown-led evidence from s. 276 *voir dires*. (Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)
- **The Clashing of Wage Restraint Legislation with s. 2(d) Collective Bargaining Rights** –

Donya Tamehi authored an article for Osgoode's legal commentary blog, theCourt.ca. The article analyzes the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision in *Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association v Ontario (Attorney General)*, examining both majority and dissenting opinions, and critiques the risks posed by the dissent's call for broad legislative deference. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

- **R v Abdullahi: The (In)Flexibility of the Appellate Review of Jury Instructions** – Donya Tamehi authored an article for Osgoode's legal commentary blog, theCourt.ca. The article comments on how the Supreme Court's decision in *R v Abdullahi* underscores the importance of clear, judge-led jury instructions on complex legal definitions. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **The Procedural Unfairness of the Law Society of Ontario's Regulatory Bylaws** – Donya Tamehi authored an article for Osgoode's legal commentary blog, theCourt.ca. The article critiques the Ontario Superior Court of Justice's decision in *Mirza v Law Society of Ontario*, arguing that while the court correctly voided compromised bar exam results, its reasoning on procedural fairness was flawed, and calls for legislative reform of the *Law Society Act* and its by-laws.
- **The Impact of Racial Residential Segregation on the Representation and Participation of Black Americans in the Municipal Politics of Central Detroit: A Research Analysis, April 2023** – Donya Tamehi authored an article for Western University's Undergraduate Political Science Academic Journal, *The Social Contract*. The article aims to gauge the effect of racial residential segregation on the voices of black Americans in the local politics of central Detroit. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2025** – Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to welcome eight talented law students for a summer of growth, learning, and collaboration as they help us solve our clients' most complex legal problems.