



Education

Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (2020) JD
Dalhousie University / University of King's College (2017) BA (Major in Economics, Minor in Contemporary Philosophy)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2021)

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Construction and Infrastructure
Product Liability
Securities Litigation

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is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Drew summered and articulated at Lenczner Slaght where he worked on a variety of matters including complex commercial litigation, construction, and professional liability cases.

Drew completed his JD at the Dalhousie Schulich School of Law in Spring of 2020. While at law school, Drew worked full time at the Legal Aid Clinic in the Fall of 2019 as part of the Dalhousie clinical law program and represented clients in court on a variety of matters. He was also the recipient of multiple academic awards at Dalhousie, including first year torts and contracts.

Drew holds a Bachelor of Arts jointly from the University of King's College and Dalhousie University. Drew balanced his academic interests with other pursuits including playing on the King's and Dalhousie rugby teams. Drew was the recipient of the most valuable player award and was also named an Atlantic region all-star.

SELECT CASES

- **Solmar Inc v Hall** – Counsel to the plaintiffs/respondents, Benny Marotta and Solmar Development Corp., in a defamation action. Successfully resisted an anti-SLAPP motion, which sought to dismiss the claim.
- **James Caruk v Amazon.com Inc et al** – Counsel to the Defendants, technology companies (Amazon, Apple, Fox/Tubi) and media production companies, in an action alleging, *inter alia*, copyright infringement, passing off and misappropriation of personality. This action was dismissed pre-discovery following service of the Defendants' notice of motion to strike.
- **Crosslinx Transit Solutions Constructors v Form & Build Supply (Toronto) Inc** – Counsel to Crosslinx Transit Solutions Constructors in a successful motion to declare a lien from a sub-subcontractor expired. The decision was the first to consider and apply the transition provisions in the *Construction Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30 to the time limit to register a lien.
- **Tri-South Developments Inc v 583167 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the Plaintiff developer in a breach of contract case concerning a real estate development.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **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.

- **Building a Foundation in Construction Law** – Drew Black was invited to share his expertise at the University of Toronto’s Construction Law Club program. Drew presented on the panel titled, *Building a Foundation in Construction Law*.
- **Stop the Clock: Preserving Rights and Relationships Through Tolling Agreements** – Andrew Parley and Drew Black co-authored the article "Stop the Clock: Preserving Rights and Relationships Through Tolling Agreements" which was published by On-Site Magazine. In this article, Andrew and Drew discuss the practical, cost-conscious solution of implementing a tolling agreement to defer a dispute when it arises.

BLOG POSTS

- **Shareholder Wars: A Receiver Is Not the Remedy** – Bonnie Greenaway and Drew Black co-authored the blog *Shareholder Wars: A Receiver Is Not the Remedy*, published on [commercialist.com](https://www.commercialist.com).
- **A Cautionary Tale: Admissions Against Interest in Regulatory and Subsequent Criminal Proceedings** – A recent decision from the Ontario Court of Appeal serves as a cautionary tale for regulated professionals and their counsel considering the terms of a potential resolution of discipline proceedings where related criminal proceedings may still be on the horizon. In *R v Lo*, the Court of Appeal upheld a trial judge’s decision during a criminal jury trial to admit into evidence the Agreed Statement of Fact (“ASF”) from a prior disciplinary hearing on related allegations before the College of Psychologists (“CPO”).

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Decision on Costs in Class Action Engaging Public Interest ‘furthers Access to Justice’: Counsel** – Paul-Erik Veel and Drew Black , successfully represented the Law Foundation of Ontario in a recent Court of Appeal decision which confirms a broad interpretation as to what kinds of class actions count as public interest cases. The Lawyer's Daily wrote a feature on the decision.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Six New Associates** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of six exceptional associates.