



#### Education

National Committee on Accreditation (Ontario) (2012) (Certificate of Qualification)  
 College of Law (UK) (2004) Legal Practice Certificate  
 University of Manchester (2003) BA (Honours – Law and Politics)

#### Bar Admissions

Ontario (2013)  
 England and Wales (2006) Solicitor License

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# Esther Nwator

## ESTHER NWATOR

is Manager of the Healthcare Practice at Lenczner Slaght.

Esther supports a team of allied litigation professionals, drawing on her legal and regulatory expertise to remove obstacles, advance the firm's priorities, and create conditions where the team can do their best work. She oversees our high-volume practice while ensuring the highest standards of service and client deliverables.

Esther is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales and the Law Society of Ontario. Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght, she gained more than 15 years of experience as a lawyer and regulatory expert, working across the U.K. and Canada. She is experienced in high-accountability regulatory and legal environments, including acting as legal counsel to healthcare professionals and their indemnifiers in both jurisdictions. She also spent nearly a decade at Canada's largest healthcare regulator, where she recruited, trained, and led a large team of investigators while supporting statutory committees through education and guidance.

Esther has represented healthcare professionals at the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal, as well as before regulators and tribunals. She co-facilitated the Transition to Clerkship course at the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine (Mississauga Academy of Medicine) in 2015 and 2016 and served as member-at-large and newsletter editor on the Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section Executive in 2018 and 2019.

Esther brings a longstanding commitment to professional regulation, health law, and client-centered service.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **OBA Health Law Section Newsletter** – Published in the Ontario Bar Association's Health Law Section Newsletter, Esther Nwator interviewed Lad Kucis about his journey to becoming a health lawyer. *(Prior to Lenczner Slaght)*
- **OBA Health Law Section Newsletter** – Published in the Ontario Bar Association's Health Law Section Newsletter, Esther Nwator interviewed Cathi Mietkiewicz about why she chose law as a second career and how she became a respected health lawyer. The interview offers a very human and relatable look at the path to building a health law practice. *(Prior to Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Ten Things to Know Now That Recreational Cannabis Will Be Legal in Canada** –

Published by the Ontario Bar Association, Esther Nwator offers a brief overview of the framework for legalization of recreational cannabis including the geographical nuances across Canada, associated regulations, connection to Bill C-46, and some of the key issues emerging from legalization. *(Prior to Lenczner Slaght)*

- **OBA Health Law Section Year-End Dinner & Program** – Esther Nwator co-organized and chaired the OBA Health Law Section Year End program, which featured a keynote from the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto, Dr. Eileen de Villa, on emerging public health issues. *(Prior to Lenczner Slaght)*
- **CBA Submission on the Proposed Approach to the Regulation of Cannabis** – As a member of the Canadian Bar Association's Working Group on Cannabis, Esther Nwator contributed to the CBA's submission prepared in response to Health Canada's consultation on the proposed approach to the regulation of cannabis. *(Prior to Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Restricted Titles and the Regulation of Health Professionals in Ontario** – Esther Nwator authored an article examining the restrictions on the use of the title "Doctor" by health professionals in Ontario under the *Regulated Health Professions Act 1991*, prompted by the case of an audiologist found guilty of professional misconduct for using the abbreviation "Dr." before her name. *(Prior to Lenczner Slaght)*

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Ontario Bar Association  
Health Law Section Executive, Member-at-Large (2017-2018),  
Newsletter Editor (2018-2019)
- Canadian Bar Association  
Member, Working Group on Cannabis Regulations (2017-2018)