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HERSCHEL W. CHAIET
is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Herschel is developing a practice works in a variety of practice areas, including commercial litigation, professional liability, infrastructure, real estate, and public law.

Herschel summered and articulated with the Firm. He graduated with Distinction from Western University's Faculty of Law, where he worked as a research assistant in the conflict of laws, as an editor for the Western Journal of Legal Studies, and successfully competed in several trial and appellate advocacy competitions. Herschel received the top mark in the trial advocacy, capstone in litigation, statutory interpretation, and remedies courses and received the Baker & McKenzie Award in International Business Transactions for a major research paper on the recognition of foreign judgments.

Prior to studying law, Herschel studied philosophy at McMaster University. He wrote his master's thesis on constitutional interpretation and presented his philosophy papers at international philosophy conferences. Herschel proudly balanced his studies with work as a reservist in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Education

Western University (2023) JD
(Distinction)
McMaster University (2020) MA
(Philosophy)
McMaster University (2018) BA
(Honours - Justice, Political
Philosophy, and Law)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2024)

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RECOGNITION

- Law Society of Upper Canada Prize (2023)
Western University, Faculty of Law
- Baker & McKenzie Award in International Business Transactions (2023)
Western University, Faculty of Law

SELECT CASES

- **Taylor v Zents** – Counsel to the plaintiffs, Paul Taylor and Karen Young, in an appeal from a trial judgment arising out of a motor vehicle collision. We successfully upheld the judgment on appeal.
- **Confidential Arbitrations** – Counsel to a construction company in disputes regarding a large-scale infrastructure project.
- **Phyxiat Courier v Liquor Control Board of Ontario and Trillium Supply Chain Inc** – Counsel to a defendant concerning a dispute alleging negligence in supply chain management.
- **Annapolis Group v Halifax Regional Municipality** – Counsel to the plaintiff in an action concerning alleged de facto expropriation, misfeasance in public office, and unjust enrichment relating to the plaintiff's efforts to develop its lands within the Halifax Regional Municipality. Successfully represented the plaintiff at the Supreme Court

of Canada with the Court clarifying the test for de facto expropriation and concluding that our client's claim for de facto expropriation could proceed to trial.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **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.

BLOG POSTS

- **An Update on the Proposed Changes to Ontario's Rules of Civil Procedure** – Lenczner Slaght is keeping a close eye on the latest news regarding the proposed civil justice reforms in Ontario. In the past month, the Civil Rules Review Working Group, alongside judges and lawyers with diverse practices, have presented their perspectives on the Phase 2 Consultation Paper. In this blog, we summarize the key takeaways from two significant presentations.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes 10 New Associates** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of 10 exceptional associates.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2022** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent with the addition of 12 exceptional students.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Advocates' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association