



Jonathan Chen

JONATHAN CHEN
is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

Jonathan's litigation practice is focused on class actions, business disputes, product liability and professional negligence matters. His clients have included financial institutions, technology companies, real estate developers and pharmaceutical companies. He has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Federal Court as well as administrative tribunals.

Prior to joining the firm, Jonathan articulated and practiced at a leading national law firm where he defended banks, automotive companies, insurers, municipalities, police services boards and educational institutions. He also assisted on various class actions and was counsel on one of the first aggregate damages decisions in Canada.

While at law school, Jonathan was a Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Queen's Law Journal and a Teaching Assistant in Legal Writing and Research.

Education

LawVision Group (2017) Legal Project Management
Queen's University (2012) JD (Dean's Honours List)
University of Toronto (2008) HBA (Criminology, Sociology and Philosophy – High Distinction)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2013)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Arbitration
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Injunctions
Insurance
Intellectual Property
Product Liability
Professional Liability and Regulation
Trusts and Estates Litigation

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RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2022)
Corporate & Commercial Litigation
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2022)
Litigation - Corporate Commercial
- David Sabbath Prize in Labour Law: Collective Agreements and Arbitration (2012)
Queen's University, Faculty of Law

SELECT CASES

- **MacDonald v BMO Trust Company** – Counsel to the defendants in a class action alleging failure to disclose foreign exchange fees in registered accounts.
- **Bernstein v Peoples Trust Company** – Counsel to the Defendants in a class proceeding alleging that various brands of network-branded payment cards were subject to activation, dormancy...
- **Barry Lacroix and Vincent Campbell v Walmart Canada Corporation et al and Gary Dussiaume v Walmart Canada Corporation et al** – Counsel to Walmart in two proposed class actions (Ontario and British Columbia) relating to the manufacturing, supply and sale of Zantac Ranitidine.
- **Ramdath v George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology** –

- Counsel to the defendant at trial and appeal in a consumer protection class action brought by former students. (Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)
- **General Motors Class Actions** – Counsel to General Motors in defence of class actions relating to defective ignition switches and airbags. (Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)
 - **Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc v Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc** – Counsel to Jardine Lloyd Thompson in an action alleging breach of fiduciary duties, breach of contract and misappropriation of confidential information.
 - **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a Judicial Inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway.
 - **Petrochemical Commercial Company International Ltd v Nexus** – Counsel to individual respondents in an application relating to a worldwide and multijurisdictional Mareva injunction, including Malaysia, Cyprus and Australia.
 - **Presley v Van Dusen** – Counsel to the homeowners in a successful appeal to determine a question of law that the limitation period did not expire prior to the commencement of the action based on the appropriateness requirement of the discoverability provisions in the *Limitations Act, 2002*.
 - **Rovi Guides and TiVo Solutions v Bell Canada** – Counsel to TiVo Solutions and its subsidiary Rovi Guides in a patent infringement action, involving patents relating to interactive television program guides, DVR technology, and related technologies.
 - **Rovi Guides and TiVo Solutions v Telus Corporation** – Counsel to TiVo Solutions and its subsidiary Rovi Guides in a patent infringement action, involving patents relating to interactive television program guides, DVR technology, and related technologies.
 - **Rovi Guides and TiVo Solutions v Videotron** – Counsel to TiVo Solutions and its subsidiary Rovi Guides in a patent infringement action, involving patents relating to interactive television program guides, DVR technology, and related technologies.
 - **Confidential Investigation** – Counsel to an aerospace manufacturer relating to a product liability claim. (Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)
 - **XL Insurance Company SE v ACE INA Insurance** – Counsel to ACE defending claim for defence and indemnity for environmental contamination actions.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Obtaining the Most Favourable Outcome: Using Litigation Technology to Bolster Your Case at Trial** – Jonathan Chen will be sharing his experience and expertise in virtual trial advocacy at the CBA's upcoming program "Obtaining the Most Favourable Outcome: Using Litigation Technology to Bolster Your Case at Trial". He'll be discussing the impact of technology on bringing a case to life and increasing the understanding of testimony and evidence.
- **Remedies in Class Actions: Aggregate Damages** – Jonathan Chen will be sharing his expertise at the OBA's upcoming program titled *Remedies in Class Actions: Aggregate Damages*.
- **Real Talk: The Life of a Litigator, Civil and Criminal Litigation** – Jonathan Chen was invited to speak on episode 1 of FACL's mentorship series on what it means to be a litigator.
- **13th Annual Class Actions Colloquium** – Jonathan Chen will be

sharing his expertise at the OBA's 13th Annual Class Actions Colloquium. Jonathan will lead a panel discussion on the *Latest Developments in Damages*.

- **Examinations for Discovery: Building Block Series** – Jonathan Chen presented at The Advocates' Society's Building Block Series on Examinations for Discovery. Jonathan was invited to speak at the program's first session titled "Theory, Strategy and Preparation" where he shared his expert tips on *Preparing Your Witness for Discovery*.
- **Tech Hack for Litigators** – Jonathan Chen will be speaking at The Advocates' Society's program titled "Tech Hack for Litigators". Jonathan will share his expertise on the panel *Taking Command of the Virtual or Electronic Courtroom*.
- **Keeping Up With The Case Law** – Jonathan Chen led the May 2020 edition of the OBA Class Actions Law monthly call-in series. Jonathan provided his expert insight on key class action decisions from the past month.
- **FACL 13th Annual Conference** – Jonathan Chen spoke at the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers' 13th Annual Conference on February 8. He shared his expertise on the panel discussion *The Business of Law: Powering It Up on the Tech Side*.
- **Abolishing Immunity for the Friendly Expert Witness** – Volume 40, Number 4 of The Advocates' Quarterly (February 2013) (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **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.
- **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.
- **Lenczner Slaght Congratulates Newest Partner: Jonathan Chen** – We are proud to welcome Jonathan Chen to the partnership.
- **Jonathan Chen Joins Lenczner Slaght** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Pro Bono Law Ontario
Duty Counsel
- University of Toronto
New College Career Mentorship Program
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers