



# Jonathan Chen

**JONATHAN CHEN**  
is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

"Jonathan is a leader in the industry. He's bright, thoughtful, thorough, and open in his thinking." — *Chambers Canada*

Jonathan's litigation practice is focused on class actions, complex commercial business disputes, injunctions, product liability and professional negligence matters. His experience includes representing clients in matters involving breach of contract claims, shareholder disputes, fraud, supply agreement disputes, fiduciary duty claims, consumer protection claims, receivership applications, as well as obtaining urgent injunctive relief. He was also counsel on one of the first class action aggregate damages decisions in Canada.

Jonathan has extensive trial and appellate experience. He has appeared before courts and tribunals across Canada, including the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List), the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Federal Court, and in British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba. His clients include financial services companies, accounting firms, real estate developers and lenders, pharmaceutical manufacturers, technology and media companies, consumer retailers, automotive manufacturers and dealers, transportation companies, insurers, municipalities, police services boards, and educational institutions.

Jonathan is also Chair of Lenczner Slaght's Innovation Hive and a key member of our AI Taskforce. A leading expert in integrating AI and technology into legal practice, he leads our efforts to streamline legal service delivery to ensure our lawyers can focus on where they add most value: in trial strategy, advocacy, and analysis.

Beyond the firm, Jonathan is a leading litigator in the Civil Litigation and Class Actions Bar. He serves as an elected member of the Ontario Bar Association's Civil Litigation Executive and Class Actions Executive and is an active participant of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers. He is frequently invited to speak as a recognized expert on topics such as trial advocacy, emerging class action and commercial litigation issues, the use of artificial intelligence in legal practice, and innovation.

## 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)  
British Columbia (2024)

## Practice Areas

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

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## RECOGNITION

- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2022-2025)  
Class Actions, Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Litigation - Product Liability
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers (2023-2025)
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Technology Lawyers (2025)
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Technology & Health Sciences Lawyers (2024)
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2022-2026)  
Class Action Litigation, Corporate & Commercial Litigation
- Lexpert Rising Stars (2024)  
Leading Lawyers Under 40
- Mentor of the Year (2024)  
Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers
- Arbor Award (2023)  
University of Toronto
- David Sabbath Prize in Labour Law: Collective Agreements and Arbitration (2012)  
Queen's University, Faculty of Law

## SELECT CASES

- **Bell Media Inc et al v Warner Bros. Discovery et al** – Counsel to the Warner Bros. Discovery entities responding to Bell Media's application for a permanent injunction in a media licensing dispute involving television content rights and distribution to Rogers Communications Inc.
- **Lacroix v Walmart Canada Corporation; Dussiaume v Walmart Canada Corporation** – Counsel to Walmart in pharmaceutical product liability class actions in Ontario and British Columbia relating to the manufacturing, supply and sale of Zantac Ranitidine. Successful in having action dismissed.
- **Larsen v ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp; Roy v TRW Automotive** – Counsel to an automotive parts manufacturer in proposed class actions in British Columbia and Ontario relating to allegedly defective airbag control units. Successfully defeated class certification which took place in British Columbia.
- **Bernstein v Peoples Trust Company** – Counsel to a financial services company in a class proceeding alleging that various brands of network-branded payment cards were subject to activation...
- **MacDonald v BMO Trust Company** – Counsel to the defendant, a major financial institution, in a class action alleging failure to disclose foreign exchange fees in registered investment...
- **Flette v The Government of Manitoba** – Counsel to class counsel in securing \$25 million in legal fees in an Indigenous rights class proceeding arising from the handling of the Children's Special Allowance (CSA) program by the Government of Manitoba.
- **Bridging Finance Inc (Re)** – Counsel in defending an Executive of Bridging Finance in a number of complex civil litigation and mandatory prosecution proceedings, in Canada and in various foreign jurisdictions, regarding breaches of the *Ontario Securities Act* relating to disclosure obligations as well as allegations of fraud, misappropriation, and conflict of interest.
- **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a

public inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway, a significant municipal highway.

- **Re: Ashcroft Urban Developments Inc** – Counsel to a commercial lender in a contested CCAA Application concerning a real estate development with countervailing relief sought for the appointment of a receiver. Successfully obtained the appointment of a receiver over the debtor's assets, and the debtor's application for relief under the CCAA was denied.
- **Frayce v BMO Investorline Inc; Michaud v BBS Securities Inc** – Counsel to an investment dealer in proposed Ontario and British Columbia class proceedings relating to the receipt of trailing commissions by order-execution-only dealers. Successful in having certification motion dismissed.
- **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. This was the first virtual trial at the Federal Court of Canada.
- **Waldron v His Majesty the King in Right of Canada et al** – Counsel to the Claims Administrator in a motion and appeal arising from a dispute over the interpretation of the Indian Day School Class Action Settlement Agreement.
- **Difederico v Amazon.com Inc** – Served as *amicus curiae* to the Federal Court respecting the approval of a third-party litigation funding agreement in an e-commerce class action against Amazon.
- **Empire Steel Inc v 2469521 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the Defendants in a breach of contract claim arising from an alleged breach of a supply agreement in the steel industry.
- **Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc v Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc** – Counsel to an insurance broker in an action alleging breach of fiduciary duties, breach of contract and misappropriation of confidential business information.
- **Jeff Day Hospitality Inc v Heritage Conservation Holdings, Canada, Inc** – Counsel to the vendor in an appeal relating to contractual obligations under the agreement of purchase and sale of a hotel.
- **Petrochemical Commercial Company International Ltd v Nexus** – Counsel to individual respondents in a cross-border asset freezing application involving a worldwide and multijurisdictional Mareva injunction, including Malaysia, Cyprus and Australia.
- **Presley v Van Dusen** – Counsel to the homeowners in a successful appeal establishing that the limitation period had not expired under the discoverability provisions of Ontario's *Limitations Act*, 2002, a significant limitations law and civil procedure decision.
- **Grand Land Investments Inc v Cameron Stephens Mortgage Capital Ltd** – Counsel to Cameron Stephens Mortgage Capital Ltd, a commercial mortgage lender in an action concerning the alleged breach of a commitment letter.

- **Cameron Stephens Mortgage Capital Ltd v 3803DSW TAS LP et al** – Counsel to a commercial mortgage lender on a receivership application and guarantee enforcement action with respect to a defaulted loan concerning a vacant Toronto commercial real estate development. A receiver was appointed, and judgment was obtained against the borrower and guarantor in the amount \$17,505,744.44.
- **National Steel Car Limited v The City of Hamilton** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in an appeal of a trial decision arising from allegations of nuisance, strict liability and negligence.
- **Joannides v Delaney** – Counsel to homeowners in an appeal involving the interpretation of an easement.
- **Sage v 1832 Asset Management LP; Yeats v 1832 Asset Management LP** – Counsel to a mutual fund manager in connection with several class actions pertaining to the payment of trailing commissions to order-execution-only dealers.
- **Cameron Stephens Mortgage Capital v 272 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to a commercial mortgage lender in a dispute regarding an alleged breach of a loan agreement.
- **Max Aicher (North America) Realty Inc v Stelco Inc** – Counsel to a supplier of hot rolled steel bar products in successfully obtaining an interlocutory injunction preventing the termination of a supply agreement.
- **Original Traders Energy Ltd (Re)** – Counsel to Mareva Respondents in injunction and CCAA insolvency proceedings.
- **Cameron Stephens Mortgage Capital Ltd v 1091369 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to a construction lender in an application to appoint a receiver.
- **General Motors Class Actions** – Counsel to General Motors in defence of class actions relating to defective ignition switches and airbags.
- **Schenk v Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc** – Counsel to Valeant in a breach of contract action in respect of a pharmaceutical product.
- **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.
- **Confidential Investigation** – Counsel to an aerospace manufacturer relating to a product liability claim. (*Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght*)

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Class Actions Advocacy 2026** – Jonathan Chen was invited to share his insights at The Advocates' Society's program, Class Actions Advocacy.
- **FACL 2026 Conference** – Jonathan Chen was invited to share his expertise at the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers' 2026 Conference as a panelist on *Law & Technology: Navigating AI, Innovation, and the Future of Practice*. Jonathan will discuss the impact of AI on the legal practice, with a particular focus on litigation.
- **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.
- **17th Annual Class Actions Colloquium** – Paul-Erik Veel and Jonathan Chen were invited to share their expertise at the OBA's 17th Annual Class Actions Colloquium. Paul-Erik and Jonathan discussed emerging

issues in class actions law and practical tips for both plaintiff and defence counsel.

- **Artificial Intelligence for Litigators: Next-Gen AI Tools in Action** – Jonathan Chen was invited to share his expertise on the panel titled, *Beyond Boolean: AI-Enhanced Research and Case Analysis* on The Advocates' Society's program, *Artificial Intelligence for Litigators: Next-Gen AI Tools in Action*. Jonathan showcased Alexi, a legal AI platform, sharing how it's evolved over the past year, its key use cases, and tips for getting the best results.
- **46th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (ITAW)** – Lawrence Thacker, Risa Kirshblum, Monique Jilesen, Brendan Morrison, and Jonathan Chen participated as instructors at the *46th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (ITAW)*, hosted by Osgoode Professional Development. Jonathan McDaniel and Kate Costin also took part in *ITAW*, serving as Mock Expert Witnesses. This program gathered over 100 experts in advocacy skills training and guest speakers who are active members of the Bench and Bar. Attendees had the opportunity to develop and refine their advocacy skills.
- **Your Essential Evidence Refresher** – Jonathan Chen was invited to share his expertise at the Ontario Bar Association program, *Your Essential Evidence Refresher*. Jonathan provided expert insights on key principles such as admissibility, important evidentiary rules, and recent developments.
- **2024 Class Actions Wrap-Up: Top 10 Cases Across Canada** – 2024 was another noteworthy year for class actions in Ontario and across the country. In our Class Actions Wrap-Up, Paul-Erik Veel, Jonathan Chen, and Arash Nayerahmadi highlight our top 10 class action decisions of 2024. These decisions reflect the most significant developments of the last year, and we expect they will set the tone for 2025.
- **Assessment of Parallel Class Proceedings in Multiple Provinces Should Occur at Certification and Not on Preliminary Stay Motion** – Lynne McArdle and Jonathan Chen co-authored the article *Assessment of Parallel Class Proceedings in Multiple Provinces Should Occur at Certification and Not on Preliminary Stay Motion*, published on the Ontario Bar Association's Class Actions Law Section. In this article, Lynne and Jonathan discuss the BC Court of Appeal's decision in *InvestorCOM Inc v L'Anton*, which confirms that parallel class actions are not an abuse of process and that staying such actions before certification requires extraordinary circumstances.
- **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.
- **Artificial Intelligence for Litigators: More AI in Action!** – Jonathan Chen was invited to share his expertise at The Advocates' Society's program on *Artificial Intelligence for Litigators: More AI in Action!* This program demonstrated concrete examples of how AI can assist with daily advocacy tasks. Jonathan spoke on the topic, "Alexi in Action".
- **AI Applications: Business of Law & Practical Use Cases** – Jonathan Chen was invited to speak at Colloquium Sudbury 2024 as part of the AI Plenary. He shared his expert insights on the panel *AI Applications: Business of Law & Practical Use Cases*.
- **Connect for Success** – Jonathan Chen, Mahgol Taghivand, and Catherine Blair participated in Connect for Success, an annual event hosted by Queen's Law to support second-year students with their preparation for the Toronto summer student recruitment process. In

addition to attending, Mahgol spoke on a panel where she shared her experience and discussed various aspects related to student recruitment.

- **45th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (ITAW)** – Risa Kirshblum, Sana Halwani, and Jonathan Chen participated as instructors at the *45th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (ITAW)*, hosted by Osgoode Professional Development. This program gathered over 100 experts in advocacy skills training and guest speakers who are active members of the Bench and Bar. Attendees had the opportunity to develop and refine their advocacy skills.
- **No Harm, No Remedy: Limiting Principles Under the Ontario Consumer Protection Act** – Jonathan Chen and Christine Windsor co-authored the article "No Harm, No Remedy: Limiting Principles Under the Ontario *Consumer Protection Act*", published in *Class Action Defence Quarterly*. In this article, Jonathan and Christine discuss *Hoy v Expedia Group Inc*, analyzing the limitations for class proceedings under the *Consumer Protection Act* for consumers seeking damages without providing proof of individual loss. They emphasize that consumer protection legislation is not a vehicle for seeking remedies that overcompensate claimants.
- **2023 Snapshot: Through the Lens of Lenczner Slaght** – Lenczner Slaght launches our *2023 Snapshot*, a look at the most significant developments, decisions, business takeaways, and trends in litigation from the last year, across 15 practice areas. Revisit 2023 and look ahead to 2024 through the lens of our expert litigators.
- **Class Actions Advocacy** – Monique Jilesen and Brian Kolenda shared their expertise at The Advocates' Society's annual program on *Class Actions Advocacy*, co-chaired by Jonathan Chen. The program offered the latest developments, comparative legislation, and multi-jurisdictional challenges in class actions. Monique presented on "Cross Examination of Experts: Advanced Skills," while Brian presented on "Lightning Round: Case Law Updates in Class Actions Litigation".
- **44th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Lawrence E. Thacker, Risa M. Kirshblum, Sana Halwani, and Jonathan Chen were invited to share their expertise at Osgoode Professional Development's *44th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop*.
- **Evidence Tips & Tricks for Early Career Litigators** – Jonathan Chen shared his expertise at the Ontario Bar Association's program on *Evidence Tips & Tricks for Early Career Litigators*. Jonathan discussed the fundamental aspects of presenting evidence properly and highlighted practical and strategic tips in the courtroom.
- **Navigating Leave, Parenthood, and Return to Work (Part One)** – Jonathan Chen was invited to share his perspective on balancing new parenthood and work at an event hosted by The Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL) ON's Women's Committee titled *Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP on Navigating Lawyer, Parenthood and return to Work - Part One*.
- **The Coles Notes on Coles: Product Recalls Can Defeat Certification** – Jonathan Chen and Angela Hou co-authored an article on the decision in *Coles v FCA Canada Inc.*, a case which further highlights the effectiveness of a thoughtful recall program initiated by the manufacturer at defeating certification. The article was published by The Lawyer's Daily.
- **Obtaining the Most Favourable Outcome: Using Litigation Technology to Bolster Your Case at Trial** – Jonathan Chen shared 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 discussed 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 was invited to speak at the OBA's program titled *Remedies in Class Actions: Aggregate Damages*, sharing insights on how courts address class action liability and key issues. He discussed criteria for determining when aggregate damages were available in Ontario class actions, including certification consistency. Jonathan also covered recent court guidance on fair assessments of damages, the roles of experts and statistical methods, and scenarios where individual trials remained necessary despite aggregate damages being awarded.
- **Real Talk: The Life of a Litigator, Civil and Criminal Litigation** – As a first-generation Chinese lawyer, 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 shared his expertise at the OBA's 13th Annual Class Actions Colloquium. Jonathan led 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 spoke at The Advocates' Society's program titled "Tech Hack for Litigators". Jonathan shared 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*)

## BLOG POSTS

- **Court Says No to End Run: Hong Kong Arbitration Blocked in Binance Class Action** – In cross-border litigation, the choice of venue is a major strategic consideration, and forum contests can be as hotly contested as the underlying dispute. In *Lochan v Binance Holdings Limited*, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice restrained Binance Holdings Limited (Binance) and an affiliated entity, Nest Services Limited (Nest), from pursuing an arbitration commenced in Hong Kong against the class representatives in a certified class action in Ontario. The decision shows how a parallel foreign arbitration raised the risk of a collateral attack on prior Ontario rulings, and why an anti-suit injunction was appropriate to preserve the integrity of the Ontario proceeding.
- **Ontario Court of Appeal Certifies Negligence Class Action Against Gun Manufacturer in Mass Shooting Case** – The Ontario Court of Appeal's decision in *Price v Smith & Wesson Corporation* is a significant development in product liability law and class action procedure, particularly in cases involving harm from criminal acts. The ruling allows

a class action in negligence to proceed against Smith & Wesson, the manufacturer of the handgun used in the 2018 Danforth Avenue mass shooting in Toronto.

- **Ontario Court of Appeal Overturns Certification of BMW Class Action: The Limits of Negligence Claims for Defective Products** – In *North v Bayerische Motoren Werke AG*, the Ontario Court of Appeal delivered a significant ruling on the boundaries of product liability in negligence. The decision confirms that negligence claims for pure economic loss in product liability cases can only succeed in narrow circumstances. For class action and product liability lawyers, the case serves as a reminder of the limits that govern certification in negligence-based claims.
- **Supreme Court: Canadian Governments Can Join in Class Actions to Pursue Redress for Cross-Border Harms** – Canada’s federal structure means national class actions naturally raise potential constitutional questions. Those questions become potentially more thorny where a class action is pursued not on behalf of individuals across multiple provinces and territories, but instead provincial and territorial governments themselves. The Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Sanis Health Inc v British Columbia* addressed many of those concerns and ultimately defined a broad scope for national class proceedings, including where a proposed class includes other provincial or territorial governments.
- **AI Competence in the Courtroom: Four Things Judges Need to Understand Now About AI** – As artificial intelligence continues to permeate every aspect of our lives, legal challenges involving AI will proliferate. Parts 1 to 3 in our series explored many of these potential questions. AI will create new legal problems and change the texture of old ones. As always, the judiciary, with the assistance of counsel, will assume a pivotal role in navigating this landscape.
- **Pay to Play: Court of Appeal Enforces Full Payment of Lender Fee** – Barring a very narrow set of circumstances, sophisticated parties with equal bargaining power are generally held to the terms of their agreement. *660 Sunningdale GP Inc v First Source Mortgage Corporation* is a recent example where a commercial developer, 660 Sunningdale GP, was ordered to pay the entirety of the lender fee to the lender, First Source Mortgage Corporation, even though the loan did not proceed.
- **No Harm, No Remedy: The Availability of Non-Compensatory Remedies under the Consumer Protection Act** – By playing their essential gatekeeping role, class action judges have in numerous decisions clarified the necessary elements of various causes of action and the availability of specific remedies in a particular case. What constitutes harm that is compensable, for example, has featured in numerous product liability class actions and the failure to show harm has put an end to many of them. For strategic and practical reasons, some class actions do not seek compensation for losses that the class members suffered. Instead, the strategy is to pursue remedies that do not correspond with personal losses such as disgorgement, nominal damages and punitive damages. *Hoy v Expedia Group Inc* is a recent example.
- **Court Affirms Extreme Circumstances Required to Restrain Power of Sale** – A power of sale is a very common mortgage remedy used by lenders where a borrower defaults under the applicable mortgage agreement. In light of the current interest rate environment, the power of sale process has anecdotally been exercised more frequently. Lenders (and borrowers), however, should keep in mind when such a right can be restrained.
- **The Devil is (Apparently, Not Always) in the Details: Court of Appeal Comments on Pleadings Requirement in Product Liability Actions** –

Pleadings continue to be a popular battleground in the product liability context. Over the years, a body of law has developed respecting motions to strike for negligent design, negligent manufacture and failure to warn claims. Nevertheless, there continues to be debate as to the specificity needed for pleading these types of claims. That debate is fuelled in part by jurisprudence demonstrating a high tolerance for claims that are arguably vague and lacking in material facts. Even where a claim is struck, plaintiffs are routinely permitted to amend their pleading.

- **Let Me See You 1, 2 Step: The Federal Court of Appeal Affirms the “Two-Step” Approach to the Common Issues Requirement** – A few years after the Supreme Court of Canada released *Hollick v Toronto (City)*, which provided a detailed articulation of the common issues requirement under s. 5(1)(c) of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, Ciara released her chart-topping single, “1, 2 Step”. While we would not go so far as to say that her single was one of the most succinct summaries of the common issues test from the early 2000s, she may have been on to something.
- **Recall Remedy Once Again Preferable to Class Action** – History has shown that recalls for product defects are often followed by a proposed class action lawsuit. While many products cases in that context have been certified, we have now seen certification of proposed class actions being denied on the basis that there is already an effective recall campaign in place. We have seen this in *Maginnis and Magnaye v FCA Canada et al* and *Richardson v Samsung*.

#### SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as Canada’s Leading Litigators** – Based on an in-depth peer review process across the legal profession, 26 Lenczner Slaght lawyers are recognized in the 2025 Lexpert Special Edition: Canada’s Leading Litigation Lawyers for their exceptional advocacy and extensive courtroom experience.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Featured Among Best Lawyers in Canada** – The 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 180+ rankings, featuring 48 of our expert litigators across 27 practice areas.
- **2025 Lexpert Directory Highlights Lenczner Slaght’s Excellence in Advocacy** – Peers and senior members of the legal profession across the country continue to recognize the depth and breadth of Canada’s leading litigation firm in the latest *2025 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Recognized as Canada’s Leading Litigators** – Following an in-depth peer review process across the legal profession, 21 Lenczner Slaght lawyers have been recognized in the *2024 Lexpert Special Edition: Canada’s Leading Litigation Lawyers* guide for their extensive courtroom experience and subject-matter expertise.
- **Jonathan Chen Named a 2024 Lexpert Rising Star** – For his exceptional advocacy, commitment to advancing EDI and innovation, and dedication to mentorship, Jonathan Chen was recognized as a 2024 Lexpert Rising Star at last night’s award ceremony at the Liberty Grand in Toronto.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized as the Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the 2025 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Lenczner Slaght is proud to receive 168 total rankings, with 45 of our expert litigators recognized for their expertise across 25 practice areas.
- **The 2024 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Excellence** –

Lenczner Slaght's litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.

- **Jonathan Chen Named FACL's Mentor of the Year** – Jonathan Chen, Partner at Lenczner Slaght and a first-generation Asian-Canadian lawyer, was recognized at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FACL Gala on Saturday, March 2 for his demonstrated positive impact on the professional development and career trajectory of members of the legal community, and particularly the Asian community, through mentorship.
- **New College Arbor Award Winners 2023** – Jonathan Chen was honored with a 2023 Arbor Award, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to the University of Toronto. Following his extraordinary experience in the New College Career Mentorship Program, Jonathan returned to volunteer his time with the program as a mentor. In this capacity, Jonathan helps students learn more about the application process, navigating law school, and working as a lawyer.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Strength** – An increasing number of our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost lawyers in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized as Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 41 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 24 practice areas. The following lawyers have also been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for receiving the highest overall peer-feedback in their practice areas in Toronto.
- **Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence Recognized in 2023 Lexpert Directory** – Following comprehensive peer review surveys and interviews with senior members in the legal profession, the *2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* has recognized 31 of the firm's expert litigators for their experience, knowledge, and precision, with 108 rankings spanning 17 practice areas.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized Among the Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 39 of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers for their expertise across 24 practice areas.
- **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

- Ontario Bar Association  
Technology Liaison, Civil Litigation Executive (2025-2026); Member-at-Large, Class Actions Executive (2019-2021; 2024-2026)
- Canadian Bar Association

- The Advocates' Society
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers
- Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Moot  
Coach for Queen's Law Students
- Pro Bono Law Ontario  
Duty Counsel
- University of Toronto  
New College Career Mentorship Program
- Queen's Law  
Former Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Queen's Law Journal; Former Teaching  
Assistant in Legal Writing and Research
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)  
Member