



Jonathan D. Langley

JONATHAN D. LANGLEY
is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Jonathan maintains a broad civil litigation practice. He routinely acts for individuals and corporations in complex commercial matters and regularly defends the interests of physicians in medical negligence actions and regulatory proceedings. He has trial and appellate experience in the Ontario Superior Court, Divisional Court, and the Court of Appeal for Ontario. He also appears regularly before administrative tribunals.

Jonathan graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, where he worked as a research assistant, a Dean's Fellow for Constitutional and Public Law, and the Innocence Project researching complex criminal, constitutional, and administrative law matters. He took part in the Osgoode Hall Test-Case Litigation Project where he assisted on a constitutional challenge to police use of fatal force. He was an Associate Editor of the Osgoode Hall Law Journal and competed in the Cassels Brock Cup Criminal Law Moot and the Lenczner Slaght/CBA Gale Cup. He was awarded the Criminal Procedure Prize and the Faisal Mirza Criminal Law Writing Prize.

Prior to attending law school, Jonathan studied theatre and classical studies at Queen's University where he was awarded the Edythe Zacks Millman Prize in the Performing Arts.

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School (2017) JD
Queen's University (2004) BA
(Honours - Drama and Classical Studies)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2018)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Commercial Litigation
Construction and Infrastructure
Employment
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law

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RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2025)
Ones to Watch – Corporate & Commercial Litigation

SELECT CASES

- **Liberty Market Building Inc v WeWork Canada LP ULC et al** – Counsel to a Canadian commercial landlord in an action for breach of contract arising from the default by WeWork on certain commercial lease agreements and in respect of concurrent bankruptcy proceedings in the United States and Canada.
- **Confidential Matter** – Counsel to financial solutions company responding to injunction brought by telecommunications company for confidential data.
- **Mel Pearl Construction Limited et al v Cubert Inc** – Counsel to a commercial landlord in an action for breach of contract arising from the

default of a commercial lease agreement. Successful in obtaining a \$2 million default judgment.

- **XL Insurance Company SE et al v ACE INA Insurance Company of Canada** – Counsel to a major casualty insurer in an insurance action claiming coverage and defence costs arising from various environmental professional proceedings.
- **Various DCR Strategies Inc Matters** – Counsel to the Plaintiff DCR Strategies Inc. in a number of matters, seeking damages and injunctive relief relating to disclosure and use of confidential information.
- **Famous Bakers Inc v Liberty Market Building Inc** – Counsel to the commercial landlord in an action arising from the seizure of restaurant equipment following the default of a commercial lease agreement. Successful in having multiple identical actions dismissed as an abuse of process.
- **Musllam v Hamilton General Hospital et al** – Counsel to the Defendant Physician in successfully resisting proposed amendments to the Statement of Claim after the expiry of the limitations period.
- **Industrial Alliance Securities Inc v Kunicyn** – Counsel to an investment advisor in an employment dispute arising from a regulatory investigation.
- **2730453 Ontario Inc v 2380673 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the successful land developer at trial, seeking specific performance of an agreement for the purchase of land for commercial development. Successfully obtained a Certificate of Pending Litigation pending the trial of the action. Counsel at the Court of Appeal for Ontario in successfully upholding the trial decision of the Honourable Justice Centa.
- **Confidential Arbitration** – Counsel to the successful respondent in an arbitration about the contractual right to recover interest and other expenses from condominium corporations in relation to the construction of a community center in a private residential community.
- **Icona Hospitality v 2748355 Canada Inc et al** – Counsel to a major real estate development company on appeal in a dispute relating to a large residential development and the interpretation of a restrictive covenant agreement.
- **2373480 Ontario Inc v Digreen Homes Vaughan Inc** – Counsel to a land developer and home builder in connection with a dispute relating to a large residential community development.
- **TSCC 2282 v Bay-Yorkville Developments** – Counsel to the defendant developer in proceedings alleging construction deficiencies in the construction of the Four Seasons Residences in Toronto.

BLOG POSTS

- **Talk Isn't Cheap: Ontario Court of Appeal Upholds Oral Agreement for the Sale of Land** – In its recent judgment in *2730453 Ontario Inc v 2380673 Ontario Inc*, the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the trial decision of the Honourable Justice Centa, which awarded specific performance to the Purchaser (successfully represented by Lenczner Slaght) for the Vendor's breach of an oral agreement for the purchase and sale of a 32-acre parcel of land for development. In doing so, the Court clarified the legal requirement that a prospective purchaser must prove "detrimental reliance" in undertaking acts of part performance before an oral agreement will be enforced in the face of the *Statute of Frauds*.
- **Commercial Considerations as Ontario Reopens: Key Takeaways from CLUC Education Day 2021** –

As vaccine rollouts quicken and Ontario looks forward to a loosening of COVID-19 restrictions, the Ontario Bar Association and the Commercial List Users' Committee (CLUC) convened its annual Education Day on June 2, 2021.

- **Private Parts Less Private During Police Searches** – A person's reasonable expectation of privacy in the most intimate parts of their own body may not shield them from a police search if what the police are after is another person's DNA.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Ontario Court of Appeal Upholds Finding of Part Performance of Oral Agreement to Sell Land** – Canadian Lawyer recently published an article discussing the decision in *2730453 Ontario Inc v 2380673 Ontario Inc*, where our expert litigators, Mark Veneziano and Jonathan D. Langley, represented the successful land developer at The Ontario Court of Appeal. The Court upheld the trial judge's findings that the equitable doctrine of part performance was applicable in enforcing an oral agreement for the sale of land.
- **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.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Five New Associates** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to add to its collective experience and knowledge with the addition of five talented associates.

Lenczner Slaght is delighted to welcome Derek Knoke, Graham Henry, Jonathan D. Langley, Sean Lewis, and Zachary Rosen to the firm as our new associates.
- **Lenczner Slaght Raises over \$17,000 for Covenant House Toronto** – On February 7, 2018, our lawyers participated in the Covenant House Guts + Glory Obstacle Challenge and fundraised over \$17,000 which will go to providing health care, food, shelter, and clean clothes to at-risk, homeless and trafficked youth.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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