



Education

Osgoode Hall Law School (2015) JD
 McGill University (2010) MA
 (Religious Studies)
 McGill University (2008) BA
 (Religious Studies)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2016)

Practice Areas

Appeals
 Arbitration
 Class Actions
 Commercial Litigation
 Injunctions
 Insolvency and Restructuring
 Professional Liability and Regulation
 Securities Litigation

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"Madison Robins is conscientious and a strong advocate." —
Chambers Canada

Madison's practice focuses on high-stakes securities and shareholder litigation, complex contract disputes, and professional liability matters. Madison has a track record of success in hearings before judges, juries, arbitrators, and regulators, including as lead counsel. She has appeared before all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Madison represents public and private companies, financial institutions, founders, and professionals, delivering decisive results to advance her client's commercial objectives both in and out of court. Her clients value her ability to distill complex issues into clear, persuasive narratives and trust her to protect their businesses and reputation in contentious disputes.

Madison has particular expertise in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, having successfully completed the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society's Gold Standard Course.

Madison received her JD from Osgoode Hall where she graduated with course prizes in contracts, administrative law, and private international law.

Prior to attending law school, Madison studied ancient religions at McGill University and the University of Toronto.

RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2024-2026)
 Ones to Watch – Administrative & Public Law, Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, Medical Negligence, Securities Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2025-2026)
 Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Medical Negligence, Professional Liability
- Lexpert Rising Stars (2025)
 Leading Lawyers Under 40
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers (2025)
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers (2025)

SELECT CASES

- **Dramel Limited v Multani** – Counsel to the successful mortgage lender

in a motion to lift an interim stay of enforcement obtained by the borrowers. As well, in a series of court decisions confirming the validity of the mortgage agreements and the enforceability of a significant commercial mortgage subject to a forbearance agreement.

- **Re Carillion Canada Inc.** – Counsel to Carillion Canada Inc. in a motion against its former bank seeking the return of funds debited from the company bank account as set-off during the CCAA stay period. The bank was found to have knowingly breached the stay order, resulting in a significant costs award.
- **Re Solar Income Fund Inc.** – Counsel to a former director and officer in an Ontario Securities Commission enforcement proceeding.
- **Baines v Abounaja** – Counsel to the defendant emergency physician in an action relating to the transfer of the plaintiff from a community hospital to a tertiary centre.
- **In the Matter of Nicholas Agar and Paul Ungerman** – Counsel to the co-founder of a cryptocurrency and blockchain project that was the subject of an investigation by a Canadian securities regulator in relation to concerns that have been raised about the status of the cryptocurrency as a security, prospectus exemption requirements and representations that were made to those who have purchased the cryptocurrency.
- **The Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings v The Bank of Nova Scotia** – Counsel to Scotiabank in an application before the Commercial List arising from a multi-million dollar cyber-fraud that involves complex cyber-security evidence and raises significant and potentially far-reaching legal issues regarding the scope of customers' and financial institutions' obligations to prevent cyber-fraud.
- **Shantz v Starke** – Counsel to two defendants in a cross-border claim brought by a former employee and business partner alleging forgery and fraud with respect to a share transfer.
- **Mohamad Fakh et al v AHM Investments Corporation et al** – Counsel to Mohamad Fakh, Founder and CEO of Paramount Fine Foods, in a complex shareholder dispute.
- **Georghiades v Georghiades** – Counsel to the co-founder and managing principal of a real estate investment company facing separate oppression claims from his brother/co-founder and an important investment partner.
- **Robert Plamondon v Knowledge First Financial Inc** – Counsel to Knowledge First Financial, a leading investment fund and RESP provider, in an action brought by a former agency director for commissions and referral fees he alleges are owed. The matter involves the tolling of limitation periods, the duty of good faith in contractual negotiations, and unjust enrichment in the context of securities commissions.
- **Veran v Derbyshire** – Counsel to the successful defendant physicians in a complex medical negligence claim involving the alleged misdiagnosis of cerebral palsy in an infant. In June 2024, the matter proceeded to a successful 8-week trial before a Jury.
- **Thompson v Azad** – Counsel to the successful Defendant Physician in a trial for alleged negligence relating to follow-up treatment after surgery.
- **Confidential Matter** – Counsel to landlord in arbitration regarding option to purchase commercial property.
- **Confidential Arbitration** – Counsel to the successful claimant in an arbitration arising out of a shareholder dispute.
- **Li v Barber** – Agent for class counsel in a class proceeding by residents, employees, and businesses in Ottawa against the Freedom Convoy

- organizers. Successfully obtained an *ex parte Mareva* order freezing donations made to Freedom Convoy organizers and preserving the funds for the benefit of Ottawa residents, employees, and businesses.
- **Manulife Financial Corp v Portland Holdings Inc** – Counsel to the plaintiff in a dispute arising from a share purchase agreement.
 - **Zap Holdings Ltd v Roman Cheese Products Ltd** – Counsel to the defendants in an oppression claim arising from historic share issuances. Successfully resisted an injunction seeking various mandatory orders.
 - **1085372 Ontario Limited v Kulawick** – Counsel to the plaintiff in the trial of an action arising from the bankruptcy of a debtor, seeking to unwind the conveyance of shares as a transfer at undervalue.
 - **Brahma Finance (BVI) Limited et al v Datawind Inc.** – Counsel to the successful respondents in resisting an appeal from a decision to register a foreign costs award in Ontario.
 - **Re 144 Park Ltd** – Counsel to a purchaser in a successful proceeding to oppose a *Construction Lien Act* Trustee’s attempt to disclaim several agreements of purchase and sale.
 - **Google Inc v Equustek Solutions Inc** – Counsel to Google in an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from decisions of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and British Columbia Court of Appeal...
 - **DBDC Spadina Ltd v Walton** – Counsel to a series of companies in proceedings involving a receivership over commercial real estate developments and efforts to recover \$110 million in...
 - **Gayed v Wolf Kimelman LLP** – Counsel to the Defendant law firm in a claim for various fees and costs allegedly owing under a verbal agreement.
 - **Summersgill v O’Mahony** – Counsel to the defendant physician in an action for damages arising from the plaintiff’s perforated ulcer.
 - **Williams v Schuringa** – Counsel to the defendant physician in a jury trial following the death of a patient from a sudden pulmonary embolism.
 - **Terracap v Credit Andorra** – Counsel to the plaintiff in action to recover escrow funds from aborted real estate transaction. Successfully opposed a motion to stay the action on the...
 - **R v Thompson** – Counsel to an accused facing charges of assault of a police officer and possession of a controlled substance. Evidence excluded and an acquittal on all...

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.
- **Updating Marquard: A Proposal to Allow the Use of “Authoritative Literature” in the Cross-Examination of Experts** – Madison Robins authored the article, "Updating Marquard: A Proposal to Allow the Use of “Authoritative Literature” in the Cross-Examination of Experts," published by The Law Society of Saskatchewan's *Advocates Quarterly* Collection. In the article, Madison proposes expanding the trial judge’s gatekeeping role in the cross-examination of expert witnesses using authoritative literature.
- **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.

- **Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics and Professionalism 2024** – We were proud to continue our sponsorship of Western Law’s Annual Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Madison Robins, Sean Lewis, Bonnie Greenaway, Sahar Talebi, and Kyle Magee participated as judges.
- **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.
- **Controlling Adverse and Hostile Witnesses** – In this edition of *The Advocates’ Journal*, Madison Robins shared her expert strategies for handling an adverse, inconsistent, conveniently forgetful, or downright hostile witness.
- **Accessory Liability in Canadian Law** – Madison Robins authored the article *Accessory Liability in Canadian Law*, which was published in the *Annual Review of Civil Litigation 2020*.

BLOG POSTS

- **Expediting Justice: Pre-Litigation Protocol in the Proposed Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure in Ontario** – The Working Group established by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ministry of the Attorney General has proposed significant reforms to the *Rules of Civil Procedure* in the Civil Rules Review Final Policy Report. The proposed changes are aimed at creating a more efficient and accessible civil justice system. Our overview of the proposed changes and key differences from the existing *Rules* can be found [here](#).
- **Preparing for Proposed Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure in Ontario: Strategic Insights & Practical Steps for In-House Counsel** – Dramatic changes have been proposed for Ontario’s *Rules of Civil Procedure*. Now that the final recommendations from the Civil Rules Review Working Group have been released, in-house counsel teams should be thinking about steps that may be needed to ensure their business can transition seamlessly to a new litigation procedure. We have set out some considerations for in-house teams to help prepare for a smooth transition.
- **Proposed Changes to the Rules for Expert Witnesses: Cooperation, Conferencing, & Consequences** – In its original Phase 2 Consultation Paper, the Civil Rules Review Working Group proposed radical changes to the way expert witnesses are treated before and during trial, including – most controversially – a call for experts to be jointly appointed and instructed by opposing parties. While some of the initial proposals have been softened following the consultation process, the Working Group’s Final Policy Report recommends three major changes to the current regime for expert witnesses:
- **An Update on the Proposed Changes to Ontario’s Rules of Civil Procedure** – Lenczner Slaght is closely tracking Ontario’s proposed civil justice reforms. Yesterday, the Civil Rules Review Working Group’s co-chairs presented a summary of the recommendations in their yet-to-be-released Final Report to the Attorney General and Chief Justice.

In this blog, we summarize the key takeaways and new information from this significant presentation, since our last update in October (in which we outlined eight expected key features of the *Rules* reform proposals).

- **Arrivederci, for Now** – Madison Robins and Solomiya Zakharchuk co-authored the blog *Arrivederci, for Now*, published on commercialist.com.
- **No Jordan Rules for Administrative Tribunals** – The Supreme Court of Canada’s decision today in *Law Society of Saskatchewan v Abrametz* is a significant one for all lawyers practicing before administrative tribunals. In brief, the decision confirms that the three-part *Blencoe* test for delay and abuse of process in administrative proceedings continues in force. To establish that a delay rises to the level of abuse of process, a party must establish...
- **The SCC Leave Project: Predictions for June 10, 2021** – Here’s a look at the leave application decisions that the Supreme Court of Canada will be releasing on June 10, 2021.
- **Issue-Driven Legal Writing: Not Just for Judges** – Electronic filing, remote discoveries and examinations, and video-conference hearings are some of the ways litigation has adapted to the current COVID-19 emergency. No doubt, some of these new developments will remain once the crisis is over. What is sure to persist, however, is the renewed focus on an old technology: the written word. How can judges and advocates adapt to a system where oral advocacy may no longer be the default mode?
- **Remote Hearings – Some Practical Considerations** – In recent weeks, the Ontario Superior Court has begun scheduling certain civil hearings to proceed remotely. The Notice to the Profession released on April 2, 2020 and Regional Practice Directions specifically identify pre-trial conferences as being capable of being heard remotely, particularly when settlement is a real possibility. Divisional Court hearings, case conferences and even some contested motions for class actions and matters on the Commercial List and Estates List may also be held.
- **Shell Game Liability: Recovering Damages in Complex Fraud Cases** – How can an innocent victim recover their losses when a fraudster uses multiple corporations as part of a complex “shell game” to hide and commingle misappropriated funds? In *DBDC Spadina v Walton*, the Ontario Court of Appeal considered a complex multi-real estate transaction investment fraud, perpetrated over an extended period of time with the involvement of numerous corporate actors – all under the control of the fraudster.
- **Copy and Paste: Avoiding Duplicative Procedures in National Class Actions** – The proliferation of parallel class proceedings in multiple Canadian provinces often defeats the very purpose of class proceedings: the avoidance of a multiplicity of actions. In order to streamline procedures, ensure consistent results, and encourage judicial economy, judges in several provinces have started demanding greater coordination among both class counsel and the courts. In *McKay v Air Canada*, Chief Justice Hinkson took this trend even farther in approving a settlement distribution plan by simply reproducing the reasons of the Ontario Court in *Airia Brands v Air Canada*.
- **Five Tips for Jury Trials** – There’s nothing like a jury trial. The Honourable Justice Brian Dickson famously commented that juries were “endowed with an abundance of common sense”. The virtues of civil jury trials to our justice system may be too numerable to list here. But as a point of advocacy, the exercise of telling your client’s story to a jury of their peers – instead of to a judge sitting up on the dais – requires different skills, different sensibilities, and different presentation styles.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Celebrates 25 Years on the Lexpert Bull's-Eye** – The 2026 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory continues to recognize Lenczner Slaght as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation.
- **2025 Lexpert Rising Stars: Madison Robins & Margaret Robbins** – Lenczner Slaght is proud to share that Madison Robins and Margaret Robbins were both recognized as 2025 Lexpert Rising Stars at last night's award ceremony held at the Liberty Grand in Toronto.
- **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 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.
- **Introducing Our New Partners** – Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to announce the promotion of Meghan Bridges, Madison Robins, and Jonathan McDaniel to its partnership.
- **Friends Who Argue: Crypto Assets - Dealing With Emerging Currencies in the Litigation Context** – Madison Robins is featured on an episode of Friends Who Argue, a podcast for the litigation bar brought to you by The Advocates' Society and hosted by its Mid-Career Advocates' Standing Committee. Madison shares her experiences and insights into the what, when and how of dealing with crypto assets in litigation.
- **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.
- **Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2021/2022** – In Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2021/2022, Lenczner Slaght is featured for its involvement in *Li v Barber* and *Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada v Entertainment Software Association*. Monique Jilesen was further interviewed on our involvement in *Li v Barber*, where our team successfully obtained a precedent-setting Mareva order.
- **Citizens group wins court-ordered freeze of convoy protest accounts, cryptocurrency** – In the Toronto Star, Lenczner Slaght lawyers, Monique Jilesen, Madison Robins, and Sarah Bittman are mentioned for their role in acting for Champ Law in a precedent-setting Mareva injunction that froze the bitcoin and cryptocurrency assets of the

Freedom Convoy leaders.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
Member-at-Large of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Executive
- The Advocates' Society
- Young Commercial Arbitration Practitioners
- Ontario Securities Commission
Securities Proceedings Advisory Committee (2026-2029)