

Education

University of Toronto (2014) JD (Honours) Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario (2011) HBA (Honours)

Bar Admissions Ontario (2015)

Practice Areas

Class Actions Commercial Litigation Investigations Professional Liability and Regulation

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Meghan Bridges

MEGHAN BRIDGES is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

Meghan's civil litigation practice encompasses a wide range of matters, including professional liability, commercial litigation, class actions, and investigations.

Prior to joining the firm, Meghan practiced at a national firm where she gained experience litigating complex medical negligence and commercial matters, conducting investigations, and giving real-time advice on highly sensitive and urgent matters of public importance. She has extensive trial experience, having both prosecuted and defended complicated claims at trial and on appeal. Meghan has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario as well as before administrative tribunals.

Meghan received her JD with honours from the University of Toronto, where she was awarded the Michael J. Moldaver Prize for First in Third Year. In law school, Meghan was a passionate mooter. She participated in the Gale Cup Moot and the Grand Moot, coached teams in the Baby Gale and the Gale, and sat on the Moot Court Committee. Prior to law school, Meghan completed the Honours Business Administration program at the Richard Ivey School of Business with standing as an Ivey Scholar.

RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2023-2025) Ones to Watch – Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Medical Negligence
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2025)
 Litigation Corporate Commercial, Medical Negligence, Professional Liability

SELECT CASES

- WSIB Investments (Infrastructure) Pooled Fund Trust et al v Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd. et al – Successful trial counsel to two employee pension and injured workers funds in a breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract claim with a manager of public infrastructure projects.
- University of Toronto (Governing Council) v Doe et al Counsel to the University of Toronto in successfully bringing an interlocutory injunction to bring a peaceful end to the encampment that occupied the green space known as Front Campus for over 50 days. The University successfully argued that it was the private property owner of Front



Campus and entitled to enforce its property rights over the protestors residing in the encampment. The University also successfully argued that its actions in respect of the encampment were not subject to the application of the *Charter*.

- Re Investment Management Corporation of Ontario Trial counsel to IMCO in a breach of contract claim with manager of public infrastructure projects.
- Barbiero v Pollack Counsel to a physician in a class action relating to the use of an injectable treatment.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 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.
- Understanding and Dealing with the Litigation Process Meghan Bridges was invited to OsgoodePD's Clinical Risk, Negligence and Claims Management in Healthcare Certificate Program, where she participated in live demonstrations providing practical insight into the examination and cross examination of an expert witness, a defendant doctor, and a defendant nurse. Meghan also discussed individual and team strategies to manage the pressure of risk and litigation.
- Practical Insights for Young Litigators: Gaining Trial Experience and Second Chairing – Meghan Bridges was invited to present at an OBA Young Lawyer's Division program. Meghan led a panel discussion on how to gain experience and make the most of your first opportunities in trial litigation.

BLOG POSTS

- Key Takeaways: Co-Chairs of Civil Rules Review Working Group Present Proposed Civil Rules Reform – On April 10, 2025, Justice Boswell and Allison Speigel, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group responsible for preparing the Civil Rules Review, presented the Phase 2 Consultation Paper to The Advocates' Society via Zoom. It was their first presentation to the bar at large following the release of the Consultation Paper on April 1, 2025. They advised that over 1,200 members of the Ontario bar had joined the Zoom presentation.
- 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 <u>Civil Rules Review Phase 2 Consultation</u> <u>Paper</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.
- Motions Practice Transformed: What the Proposed Civil Justice Reform in Ontario Means for Litigants – The Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ministry of the Attorney General have proposed significant reforms to the *Rules of Civil Procedure* in the <u>Civil Rules</u> <u>Review Phase 2 Consultation Paper</u>. 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*



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- 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. Whether the recommendations are adopted in whole or in part, 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.
- AI Here, AI There, AI Everywhere: Practical Challenges Litigating in an AI World – In the final instalment of our AI in the Courtroom series, we explore practical challenges that may arise when litigating in an AI world, and within the current framework of the Rules of Civil Procedure, Practice Directions, and common law. While the law is not entirely unequipped to deal with these challenges, evolution in the Rules and common law will likely be necessary as AI becomes more commonly used by various participants in the litigation process.
- Whose Responsibility Is It Anyway? Chatbots and Legal Issues in Moffatt v Air Canada – On February 14, 2024, the British Columbia Civil Resolution Tribunal (which is the equivalent of Ontario's Small Claims Court) issued its decision in *Moffatt v Air Canada*. In less than a week, the decision has made international news as a result of the involvement of Air Canada's chatbot.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- 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
- Landmark Electronic Trial Produces \$259 Million Award for Lenczner Slaght Client – WS/B Investments (Infrastructure) Pooled Fund Trust v Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd is featured in the January 2025 edition of Bare Bones Briefs by LegalWriter.net. This case was the first fully electronic trial in the Manitoba Court of King's Bench, lasting seven weeks. It culminated in a \$259 million judgment for WSIB Investments (Infrastructure) Pooled Fund Trust, represented by Peter Griffin, Dena Varah, Meghan Bridges, Jonathan McDaniel, Andrew Locatelli, and Madeleine Andrew-Gee.
- Lenczner Slaght's Trial Lawyers Successful in \$259 Million Judgment for Public Sector Funds – In WSIB Investments (Infrastructure) Pooled Fund Trust v Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd, our expert litigators were successful in obtaining a \$259 million judgment in disgorgement for our clients, two employee pension and injured workers funds, against the Defendants for breach of fiduciary duty, knowing assistance, and knowing receipt. The 7-week trial before the Manitoba Court of King's Bench was the first fully electronic trial to be completed in the province.
- 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.



- Proving Al's Misrepresentations Meghan Bridges was interviewed by The National Magazine, where she comments further on Moffatt v Air Canada, a decision which touches on the intersection of artificial intelligence and liability.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- Meghan Bridges Joins Lenczner Slaght Canada's leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool, knowledge, and experience with the addition of a new associate.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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



