



Education

Western University Faculty of Law (2024) JD
 University of Toronto (2021) PhD (Pharmacology)
 University of Toronto (2016) BSc (Honours - Specialist in Pharmacology and Major in Biochemistry) (With Distinction)

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Natalie is interested in a broad range of legal subject matter, with a particular focus on intellectual property law. She integrated her passion for science and technology with her legal studies by working as a Clinic Fellow for the Western Intellectual Property & Innovation Clinic (WIPILC) and as legal intern for a biotechnology startup.

During law school Natalie worked to sharpen her legal research and advocacy skills by participating in the Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property Moot and Tort Law Moot Competition. Natalie completed her JD at Western University with an Area of Concentration in Intellectual Property, Information and Technology (IPIT). She received the Ailbe C. Flynn LLB '97 Memorial Scholarship in Intellectual Property and the Law Society of Ontario Prize for ranking among the top 15 students of her graduating class.

Prior to attending law school, Natalie obtained a PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Toronto, during which she bioengineered microfluidic organ models to study the passage of drugs into breastmilk.

BLOG POSTS

- **Reasonable Request for Samples Required** – In the recent decision in *Bayer Inc v Amgen Canada Inc*, Case Management Judge Duchesne of the Federal Court dismissed a request for samples on the basis that Bayer failed to demonstrate that the proposed testing could lead to a result that would assist the trial judge in determining an issue in the proceeding.
- **Facebook Loses Privacy Faceoff at the FCA** – The proceedings in *Canada (Privacy Commissioner) v Facebook Inc* arose from the Privacy Commissioner's investigation into Facebook's practice of sharing users' personal information with third-party apps. At the Federal Court, Justice Manson dismissed the Commissioner's application, finding that the Commissioner had not shown that Facebook failed to obtain meaningful consent from users to disclose their data, and had not shown that Facebook failed to adequately safeguard user data. In its latest decision, Justice Rennie of the Federal Court of Appeal allowed the Commissioner's appeal, concluding that Facebook indeed breached *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA)'s requirement to obtain meaningful consent from users prior to data disclosure and its obligation to safeguard user data.
- **Inventor Examination Cannot Be Compelled by Proxy, and Other Practical Lessons** –

In the recently released decision *Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd v Jamp Pharma Corporation*, Jamp brought a motion seeking an order that would require Boehringer to make their employee inventors attend to be examined for discovery, failing which the order could be enforced against Boehringer themselves. Boehringer argued that the *Rules* do not contemplate such an order. Associate Judge Duchesne agreed.

- **Insights on the Independence of Expert Evidence** – In the recently released decision *dTechs EPM Ltd v British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Awesense Wireless Inc*, the Federal Court of Appeal (“FCA”) weighed in on the role and independence of experts in patent cases. In particular, the FCA provided guidance on (1) the role counsel may play in preparing expert reports; (2) an expert’s role in claim construction; and (3) the difference in the role of an expert where anticipation is alleged based on prior use versus prior publication.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2023** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent with the addition of nine exceptional summer students.