



Nina Bombier

NINA BOMBIER is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

"A top litigator, Nina is a leader in her field and an exceptional advocate. She is innovative and creative." — *Chambers Canada*

Nina is a leading trial and appellate lawyer. Clients value her sound judgment and expert advocacy in tackling commercial disputes before all levels of courts.

Nina is consistently recognized by peers for her expertise in insurance coverage disputes, professional negligence cases and commercial litigation. She has represented clients in high-stakes constitutional and public law cases, and managed complex commercial litigation covering a diverse range of industries involving insurance, product liability, privacy and financial services claims.

Nina has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Ontario, the Supreme Court of Canada, arbitration panels and administrative tribunals.

Nina joined Lenczner Slaght in 1999 after clerking at the Supreme Court of Canada. She regularly speaks at continuing legal education conferences, teaches trial advocacy and contributes written articles on topics spanning from health and environmental law to professional regulation and civil litigation.

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School (1997) LLB
University of Western Ontario (1993)
MA (Critical Theory)
University of Western Ontario (1991)
BA (Philosophy and Economics)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (1999)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Commercial Litigation
Insurance
Product Liability
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law

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RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2014-2026)
Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Insurance, Medical Negligence, Product Liability
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2022)
Toronto "Lawyer of the Year" in Health Care Law
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2024)
Toronto "Lawyer of the Year" in Health Care Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2014-2026)
Litigation - Commercial Insurance, Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Litigation - Product Liability, Medical Negligence, Professional Liability
- Chambers Canada (2024-2026)
Insurance: Dispute Resolution (Nationwide – Canada); Healthcare: Contentious (Nationwide – Canada)
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Health Sciences Lawyers (2021)
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Health Sciences Lawyers (2025)

- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers (2016, 2018-2025)
- The Legal 500 Canada (2019, 2021-2026)
Insurance & Insurance: Dispute Resolution (Leading Partner)

SELECT CASES

- **Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada v Canada (Attorney General)** – Counsel to the Government of Canada in a matter concerning the entitlement of public service unions to pension surpluses of approximately \$18 billion...
- **407 ETR Concession Company v Ontario (Registrar of Motor Vehicles)** – Counsel to the 407 ETR in a successful judicial review application, in which the 407 ETR sought an order compelling the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to...
- **Yatar v TD Insurance** – Counsel to the intervenor Insurance Bureau of Canada in an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada concerning the scope of judicial review arising from a decision of the Licence Appeal Tribunal. The Court affirmed that a limited statutory right of appeal does not restrict the right to judicial review.
- **Loblaw Companies Limited et al v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada et al** – Counsel to the appellant, AIG Canada in an important coverage matter arising from opiate class proceedings, and which brought important clarity to defence obligations for long-tail claims spanning multiple insurance policies.
- **Ontario v Working Families Coalition** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Ontario in a high-profile Supreme Court of Canada appeal addressing the constitutionality of provisions in the Election Finances Act which regulate third-party political advertising expenditures before provincial elections.
- **OECTA v Ontario** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Ontario in an appeal regarding the constitutionality of legislation that capped public sector compensation increases. A decision which interprets the scope of the right to freedom of association under section 2(d) of the Charter.
- **Attorney General of Ontario v Restoule** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Ontario in an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada regarding the interpretation and implementation of 1850 treaties between the Crown and Anishinaabe of the upper Great Lakes and a claim totaling over \$100 billion. Significant decision concerning the duty of diligent implementation of historical treaty promises in accordance with the honour of the Crown, and available remedies for breach of treaties.
- **Dentons v Trisura Guarantee** – Counsel for the insured applicant seeking coverage for a social engineering fraud under a computer fraud rider policy.
- **Re Just Energy, XL Insurance, et al** – Counsel to primary insurer in application regarding coverage for a class action claim against Directors of Just Energy under a D&O Policy issued upon insolvency of the company. The Judge agreed that the prior acts exclusion of the policy barred coverage for the class action claims.
- **Livent Inc v Deloitte & Touche LLP** – Appellate counsel to Deloitte & Touche LLP before the Supreme Court of Canada in leading decision concerning the scope of liability of an accounting...
- **General Electric Canada Co v Aviva Canada, Inc** – Counsel for the insured in an application and appeal concerning insurer's duty to investigate and defend claims arising from the historical release of...

- **GE Canada v Aviva Canada Inc et al** – Counsel to GE Canada claiming for indemnity for environmental investigations and remediation related to PCB contamination.
- **Gore v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario** – Counsel for the physician in an application for judicial review of the powers of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to observe physicians...
- **MDS v Factory Mutual** – Counsel to the intervenor Insurance Bureau of Canada in widely anticipated appeal overturning trial decision that had awarded significant business interruption losses to the Insured under an all-risks policy which had arisen from the shutdown of nuclear reactor and had interrupted a supply of isotopes to the Insured.
- **TTC v General Electric Canada et al.** – Counsel for defendant in claim for property damage and environmental clean-up costs arising from TCE contamination caused by historical industrial operations.
- **WHPI Holding Ltd v Cook** – Counsel to an insurer in a D&O liability claim against an officer in the context of financial fraud.
- **NORR Limited v Encon Group et al** – Counsel to an architecture firm in a coverage dispute with its insurer regarding a large-scale construction project.
- **A & W Food Services of Canada Inc v McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd** – Counsel to McDonald's in a successful defence at trial of a claim alleging breach of the trade-mark "Chicken Grill" and loss of goodwill. This was the...
- **Commercial Arbitration** – Counsel to a re-insurance company respondent in an international, multi-party coverage and allocation dispute.
- **Product Liability** – Defence of a product liability action including allegation of negligent design and manufacture of a multi-million-dollar electric arc furnace.
- **GC v Jugenburg** – Counsel to a plastic surgeon in a certified class action relating to alleged privacy breaches.
- **Cheesman v Credit Valley Hospital** – Counsel to a defendant ophthalmologist in 15-week jury trial alleging negligence in treatment of an infection resulting in sepsis and multiple complications.
- **Confidential Matter in Nuclear Energy Sphere** – Counsel to an international manufacturer of pipes designed and installed in nuclear energy plants around the world in a matter where quality irregularities have been disclosed in the manufacturing plant of one of its materials' suppliers.
- **Bennett v Bennett Environmental** – Counsel to the plaintiff in successful proceedings for advancement of funds to pay legal fees relating to criminal charges. The Court's decisions in...
- **Fepro Farms v Wajax GP Holdco Inc** – Counsel to a manufacturer of biogas engine in a product liability proceeding.
- **Century Services v New World Engineering Corporation** – Counsel for defendant law firm in complex trial involving many parties and alleging fraud and negligence in secured lending transaction.
- **Alves v Hennessy Industries Inc** – Counsel to the manufacturer of a tire changer alleged to have malfunctioned.

- **Martin v American International Assurance Life Co. (SCC)** – Counsel to insurer in appeal at the Supreme Court of Canada concerning interpretation of accidental death benefit in life insurance policy.
- **Erco Worldwide v General Electric Canada** – Counsel to a manufacturer of transformers in a product liability proceeding.
- **DA v RH** – Counsel to optometrists in a successful review of a decision of the College of Optometrists of Ontario to issue written cautions, on the basis that the...
- **McAllister v 1537768 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to General Electric in product liability proceedings relating to light bulbs alleged to have caused a fire at a marina.
- **Cristofari Farms Inc v Union Gas Limited** – Counsel to a manufacturer of regulators in a product liability proceeding.
- **Sutherland v Birks** – Counsel in a successful oppression application at trial and appeal on behalf of two shareholders in a family foundation for buy-out of shares and other...
- **John E Dodge Holdings Ltd v 805062 Ontario Ltd** – Counsel to a hotel builder in successful action and subsequent appeal for specific performance of a commercial real estate transaction.
- **Girard and Gagnon v Windsor Regional Hospital** – Counsel to two successful defendant physicians in a medical negligence action relating to treatment of wrist fractures.
- **King v Gannage** – Counsel in the successful defense of a judicial review before the Divisional Court of a Health Professions Appeal and Review Board decision regarding a physician's use of complementary/alternative medicine.
- **Catounis v Jugenburg** – Successful trial counsel to the defendant physician in a medical negligence trial involving allegations of informed consent and breach of contract. The court dismissed the plaintiff's claims in their entirety. The defendant was successful in establishing that the plaintiff had provided informed consent, and no implied or express guarantee was provided by the defendant with respect to the outcome of the medical procedures.
- **Wu v Jugenburg** – Successfully defended the defendant physician in a two-week trial involving fundamental medical and legal issues regarding informed consent in medical procedures, including timing, delegation, and material disclosure, with the court confirming that the plaintiff had provided informed consent.
- **Plummer v College of Massage Therapists of Ontario** – Prosecutor for The College of Massage Therapists of Ontario in an appeal of a decision of the Discipline Panel of the College finding a member guilty of...
- **Graat v Adibfar** – Counsel to the successful defendant doctor in a jury trial concerning the plaintiff's informed consent to a breast augmentation and lift.
- **Mangal v William Osler Health Centre** – Counsel to the successful defendant physicians at trial and on appeal in a wrongful death medical negligence action relating to a post-partum...
- **Reyhanian v Health Professions Appeal and Review Board** – Counsel to the successful respondent doctor on an application for judicial review of a decision of the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board in a...

- **Law Society of Upper Canada v Ross** – Counsel for the Law Society in an appeal from a Discipline Committee decision.
- **Marcoccia v Ford Credit Canada Limited** – Counsel to Ford Credit Canada in an appeal concerning the apportionment of liability and reasonableness of damages awarded by jury.
- **Conway v Bell Canada** – Counsel to Bell Canada in an action alleging negligent misrepresentation and negligent supply and installation of phone equipment. Successful at...
- **GM v Alter** – Counsel for defendant physicians in an action relating to the in utero infection of a baby with HIV. Contested hearing and appeal concerning the...
- **Tantawy v Casa Verde** – Counsel for a physician on a motion to prevent the addition of a physician to a medical negligence action beyond the relevant limitation period. ...
- **CB v Sawadsky** – Counsel to a physician alleged to have failed to advise patient of her right to counsel under the Mental Health Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms...
- **Nagoya Venture Ltd v Bacopulos** – Counsel in a successful application to dismiss a third party action brought against an American law firm for lack of court's jurisdiction over legal...
- **Hercules v Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre** – Counsel to two physicians on a successful motion and appeal for summary judgment in a medical negligence action.
- **Montreal Trust Co of Canada v Call-Net Enterprises Inc** – Counsel to Call-Net Enterprises in a successful defence at trial and on appeal of claim by former senior executives that they were entitled to benefits as...
- **Liberty Mutual Insurance Co v Hollinger Inc** – Counsel in an appeal of an insurance application concerning the obligation of the insurer to defend claim of intentional discrimination.
- **Nyilas v Lamb** – Successful defence at trial of medical malpractice claim against physician concerning punctured lung.
- **College of Massage Therapists of Ontario v Kamoulakos** – Prosecutor for The College of Massage Therapists in Discipline Committee hearing concerning allegations of, among other things, practicing while suspended...
- **Vitez v GE Canada et al** – Counsel for defendant in claim for personal health issues allegedly related to TCE contamination.
- **GE Canada v Continental Insurance Company et al** – Counsel for applicant seeking defence and indemnity under historical insurance policy for environmental contamination claims.
- **Northstar Aerospace Inc v GE Canada et al** – Counsel for defendant in claim for contribution and indemnity arising from class action for TCE contamination in Cambridge, Ontario.
- **Regional Municipality of Waterloo v GE Canada et al** – Counsel for defendant in claim for property damages, clean-up costs and indemnification arising from TCE contamination.

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.

- **Professional Liability Claims: The Latest Legal Developments and Strategies for Protecting Against Professional Liability Risks** – Nina Bombier was invited to share her expertise at the CPA Ontario Conference in the session, *Professional Liability Claims: The Latest Legal Developments and Strategies for Protecting Against Professional Liability Risks*. Nina discussed key legal developments in the scope of professional liability claims and shared strategies to best defend against such claims.
- **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.
- **Do A Trial!** – Mark Veneziano and Nina Bombier were invited to share their expertise at The Advocates' Society's acclaimed annual workshop, "Do a Trial!". This program offered a unique opportunity for lawyers to test their trial skills in a real courtroom before a judge. Mark and Nina guided participants on developing trial strategy, preparing and examining witnesses, and delivering persuasive opening and closing statements.
- **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.
- **Perspectives on Jury Trials Across Canada** – Nina Bombier chaired The Advocates' Society's program titled *Perspectives on Jury Trials Across Canada*. Nina shared her expertise on successful strategies and what to expect from jury trials.
- **Tricks of the Trade** – Nina Bombier was invited to share her expertise at The Advocates' Society's program Tricks for the Trade, an annual conference for the personal injury bar. Nina provided key updates on the panel "*West v. Knowles: The Standard of Proof for Past and Future Hypothetical Events*".
- **Business, Interrupted: Insurance Litigation & COVID-19** – Nina Bombier was Chair of The Advocates' Society program *Business, Interrupted: Insurance Litigation & COVID-19*. Nina led a discussion on the latest developments with business interruption disputes across Canada.
- **Privilege for Litigators** – Nina Bombier shared her expertise at The Advocates' Society's program titled *Privilege for Litigators*. In this popular program, leading practitioners and judges discussed strategic considerations and best practices, and provided practical advice on this challenging area of the law.
- **Full Day Masterclass** – Nina Bombier shared her expertise at the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association's "Full Day Masterclass". Nina presented on the panel *Direct Examinations*.
- **Insurance Coverage Disputes and Litigation** – Nina Bombier shared her expertise at OsgoodePD's program *Insurance Coverage Disputes and Litigation*. Nina discussed "Ethical and Professional Issues For Counsel in Insurance Disputes".
- **Understanding and Dealing with the Litigation Process** – Nina Bombier shared her expertise at OsgoodePD's certificate program in Clinical Risk, Negligence & Claims Management in Healthcare. Nina

presented on the module "Understanding and Dealing with the Litigation Process".

- **Insurance Litigation and Disputes – A Look at the COVID-19 Fallout** – Nina Bombier shared her expertise on Canadian Lawyer's webinar "*Insurance Litigation and Disputes – A Look at the COVID-19 Fallout.*" The panel examined what types of actions are likely to move forward, potential liability exposures, and what sectors are most likely to be impacted.
- **Privilege: A Litigator's Guide** – Nina Bombier spoke at The Advocates' Society's program "Privilege: A Litigator's Guide". She shared her expertise on the panel *Waiver of Privilege*.
- **Pandemic-Related Class Actions - What Are They and How Will They Change the Law and Landscape** – Nina Bombier spoke at the OBA's program *Pandemic-Related Class Actions*. Nina shared expertise on what the new landscape of class actions law will look like, and how insurance and long-term care home actions will help to change this landscape as the number of new claims rise.
- **Waiver of Privilege** – Nina Bombier spoke at the Advocates' Society's program, "Privilege: A litigator's Guide". She spoke about "Waiver of Privilege" and how it impacts solicitor-client privilege.
- **Understanding and Dealing with the Litigation Process** – Nina Bombier spoke at the Osgoode Certificate program in Clinical Risk, Negligence & Claims Management in Health Care. Her panel was called "Litigation Session: Live Demonstrations - Examination in Chief and Cross-Examination of Plaintiff Expert".
- **Decision clarifies dispute resolution for international insurance policies** – Nina Bombier authored the article *Decision clarifies dispute resolution for international insurance policies* which appeared in the Lawyer's Daily on February 2, 2018. This article discusses the Ontario Court of Appeal decision in *Trade Finance Solutions Inc. v Equinox Global Limited* 2018 ONCA 12 which reinforces that deference will be granted to mandatory arbitration clauses and clears up the uncertainty around application of domestic Action Against Insurer clauses in international insurance policies.
- **Privilege: A litigator's Guide** – Nina Bombier spoke at the Advocates' Society's program on the "strategic considerations, best practices and practical advice" on solicitor-client and litigation privilege.
- **Apportioning defence costs at start of litigation** – This article, co-authored by Nina Bombier and Lars Brusven, appeared in the Insurance Law Focus Section of the March 24, 2017 issue of The Lawyers Weekly. This article discussed how the court deals with allocating costs between an insured and the insurer when losses extend over a long period of time or not all claims are covered by the insurance policy.
- **The Latest in Indemnification and Advancement Issues** – Nina Bombier presented the topic "*The Latest in Indemnification and Advancement Issues*" at The Advocates' Society event *Cross-Border Issues for Litigators* on September 16, 2016.
- **Expert Evidence in Personal Injury Cases: Winning Strategies and Techniques** – Nina Bombier spoke at Osgoode's program Expert Evidence in Personal Injury Cases: Winning Strategies and Techniques, which took place December 10, 2015.
- **Liability limited by covenant** – Nina Bombier's article appeared in the June 12, 2015 issue of the Lawyers Weekly published by Lexis Nexis Canada Inc. The article discussed a recent decision which affirmed that

a covenant to insure will operate as a transfer of risk, and that non-contracting parties can be protected by this transfer despite the lack of privity.

- **The perils of waiting** – Early determination of coverage issues can be essential, appeal court ruling shows
- **The Osgoode Certificate in Professional Regulation and Discipline in the Ontario Health Care Sector** – Nina Bombier was a speaker at this Osgoode Professional Development program on the "Discipline Hearing".
- **When medical records go missing – Legal regimes and remedies in Ontario differ depending on the source of the information**
Nina Bombier and Paul-Erik Veel co-authored the article *When medical records go missing* which appeared in the July 11, 2014 issue of the *Lawyers Weekly*.
- **The Dangers of Voluntary Compliance** – Nina Bombier co-authored the article *The Dangers of Voluntary Compliance* which appeared in the May 9, 2014 issue of *The Lawyers Weekly*.
- **General Electric Canada Company v. Aviva Canada, Inc.** – Nina Bombier authored "*General Electric Canada Company v. Aviva Canada, Inc.*", a case comment on representation of the appellant at the Ontario Court of Appeal for Take Five, Ontario Edition: On Point Legal Research.
- **The Basel Convention's Complete Ban on Hazardous Waste Exports** – Nina Bombier's article *The Basel Convention's Complete Ban on Hazardous Waste Exports* appeared in Volume 7 of the *Journal of Environmental Law and Practice*.
- **Prosecuting and Defending Professional Discipline Cases** – Nina Bombier chaired the Osgoode Short Course on prosecuting and defending professional discipline cases.
- **Liebig v. Guelph General Hospital: Affirming the Duty Owed to a Fetus During Labour and Delivery** – Nina Bombier presented her paper *Liebig v. Guelph General Hospital: Affirming the Duty Owed to a Fetus During Labour and Delivery* at LSUC Emerging Issues in Health Law Conference.
- **Investigatory Powers into Professional Misconduct and Incompetence: Gore v. CPSO and New Amendments Requiring Cooperation from Members** – Nina Bombier presented her paper "Investigatory Powers into Professional Misconduct and Incompetence: *Gore v. CPSO* and New Amendments Requiring Cooperation from Members" at the Osgoode Professional Discipline Conference.
- **Critical Issues in Health Law: Case Law and Legislation Updates** – Nina Bombier and Anne E. Posno presented at the OBA PD Program.
- **Emerging Issues in Class Action Pension Law Suits** – Nina Bombier presented a paper *Emerging Issues in Class Action Pension Law Suits* at the CCCA National Spring Conference.
- **Section 75 Investigations into Professional Competence and Misconduct: Gore v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Expands the Powers of Investigators** – Nina Bombier presented on the topic at OBA Critical Issues in Health Law Conference.

BLOG POSTS

- **Supreme Court of Canada: Exclusion Clauses Should Not Nullify the Benefit of Insurance** –

In *Emond v Trillium Mutual Insurance Co*, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that exclusion clauses should not be applied in a way that would nullify the insurance coverage purchased, even when the provision's language is unambiguous.

- **Loblaw Companies Limited et al v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada et al** – In Canada, numerous class proceedings have launched on behalf of governments and individuals against entities involved in the manufacture and distribution of opioids. These actions claim wrongful acts and damages that extend over 23 years, raising important legal questions for the insurers of these entities as to the extent of their obligation to defend the proceedings on behalf of their insureds.
- **Variable Insurance Over a Class Period: Does a Substantive Problem have a Procedural Solution?** – It is often said that the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* is a procedural statute, not a substantive statute. What that means in practice is unclear, given that different procedural rules can have an impact on substantive outcomes. However, even a narrow version of that claim—that the *Class Proceedings Act* does not grant the Court jurisdiction to create or extinguish substantive rights beyond what the Court could do in an individual claim—is very much up for debate. There are increasing examples of creative judges using provisions under the *Class Proceedings Act* to take steps that impact substantive rights in a manner that would be impossible in an individual claim. The Court's recent decision in *Cavanaugh v Grenville Christian College* presents such an example.
- **MDS Inc v Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Loss of Use is Not “Physical Damage” Under Exception to an Exclusion in an All-Risks Policy** – On September 3, 2021, the Ontario Court of Appeal (“ONCA”) released its decision in *MDS Inc v Factory Mutual Insurance Company*, which considered the proper interpretation of corrosion exclusions and resulting damage exceptions in standard-form property and casualty insurance policies.
- **Disappointed No Longer: Supreme Court Clarifies the Interplay between Insurance Act Beneficiary Designations and Unjust Enrichment** – Last Friday, the Supreme Court of Canada released its long-awaited decision in the case of *Moore v Sweet*, and settled a troubling issue in the trusts and estates world: the case of the disappointed life insurance beneficiary.
- **Constructive Trusts in Life Insurance Cases: Supreme Court to Clarify Remedies for Disappointed Beneficiary Case** – “Disappointed beneficiary” claims over life insurance proceeds have resulted in a complex body of case law combining elements of family law, trusts and insurance law.
- **Insurance Policy Covers Defence Costs Incurred for Directors and Officers in Security Regulators’ Investigation** – As regulatory investigations and litigation against corporate directors and officers become increasingly complex and extensive, insurance policies covering defence costs are all the more important. But how far does this coverage stretch? The recent decision of *Liberty Silver v Liberty Insurance* demonstrates the significant value these policies can provide in covering an early and proactive legal defence. The court rejected the Insurer's narrow and technical interpretation of the insurance policy, and affirmed that legal costs incurred on behalf of senior officers and directors to respond to an Investigative Order by security regulators, even before any formal charges or accusations were laid, were covered.
- **LCBO Loses Privacy Dispute over Wine Club Member Information** – The Liquor Control Board of Ontario has lost a protracted dispute with

the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) over its right to collect the personal information of wine club members in the recent case of *Liquor Control Board of Ontario v. Vin De Garde Wine Club*, 2015 ONSC 2537.

- **Versa Fittings ruling underscores high bar to relieve insurer of duty to defend** – The recent decision of the Ontario Superior Court in *Versa Fittings v. Berkley Insurance Co.* (2015 ONSC 1756) reinforces that a Rule 21 motion is an expedient way to secure a ruling on whether an insurer's duty to defend has been triggered.
- **Know Thy Client** – The Court of Appeal recently released a decision that serves as a reminder to all counsel: never lose sight of who you act for.

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.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized in Legal 500 Canada for Litigation Excellence** – As Canada's leading litigation firm, we are proud to maintain our Tier 1 ranking in Dispute Resolution in *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **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.
- **Chambers Canada Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Excellence in Advocacy** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to be recognized in world-renowned directory, with new rankings highlighting its deep bench of expertise.
- **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.
- **Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2023–2024** – Lenczner Slaght was featured twice in Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2023-24 for its involvement in *Loblaw Companies Limited v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada* and *Yatar v TD Insurance Meloche Monnex*.

- **Chambers Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Deep Bench of Expert Litigators** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to advance their position in the latest edition of the world-renowned 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.
- **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.
- **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 Stands Out as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is once again recognized as a "litigation powerhouse" according to *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Chambers Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm** – Canada's leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to be recognized by world-renowned directory, Chambers & Partners.
- **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 Recognized Among Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers** – Following an in-depth peer review process, the 2022 Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers guide recognizes 15 Lenczner Slaght lawyers for their extensive courtroom experience and subject-matter expertise. We know courts, and courts know and trust us. That is why clients turn to us to solve their most complex legal problems.
- **Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a "Litigation Powerhouse" in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is once again ranked in Tier 1 for Dispute Resolution by *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Elected to The Advocates' Society's Leadership** – We are pleased to announce that Brendan Morrison, Christopher Yung, Paul-Erik Veel, Andrew Parley, Nina Bombier, and Anne Posno will be serving prominent executive positions at The Advocates' Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice.
- **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.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Expertise** – Following an in-depth peer review process, the 2021 Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers guide recognizes 19

Lenczner Slaght lawyers for their extensive courtroom experience and subject-matter expertise.

- **Legal 500 Highlights Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Dominance –** Legal 500 recognizes Canada’s leading litigation firm as “a regular fixture in the country’s ground-breaking contentious cases”.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Appointed to The Advocates’ Society’s Leadership –** We are pleased to announce that Brian Kolenda, Andrew Parley, Shara Roy, Nina Bombier, Larry Thacker and Anne Posno have been elected to prominent leadership positions at The Advocates’ Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice.
- **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.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Leading Health Sciences Expertise –** The inaugural issue of Lexpert’s Special Edition on Canada’s Leading Health Sciences Lawyers recognizes 11 Lenczner Slaght lawyers for their extensive industry experience. The rankings are also published in the June issue of the *Globe & Mail’s Report on Business*.
- **The 2021 Lexpert Directory Recognizes 30 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers –** An increasing number of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght Lawyers for Litigation Excellence –** An increasing number of our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost litigators in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Legal 500 Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Top-Tier Litigation Expertise –** Canada’s leading litigation firm is “recognized across the country as a force in complex disputes” according to Legal 500.
- **Best Lawyers in Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Expertise –** Lenczner Slaght is proud to announce that 33 of our expert litigators are recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada 2021*. Our lawyers received a total of 128 rankings, up from 100 in 2020.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Elected to The Advocates’ Society’s Leadership –** We are pleased to announce that Anne Posno, Nina Bombier and Shara Roy have been elected to prominent executive positions at The Advocates’ Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice. Peter J. Osborne, Brian Kolenda, and Chris Kinnear Hunter will also be continuing their terms in their leadership positions.
- **Lexpert Highlights Lenczner Slaght’s Professional Excellence –** Lenczner Slaght’s litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Leading Litigation Lawyers –** Peers and senior members of the legal profession continue to recognize our expert lawyers among the foremost litigators in their fields.
- **Best Lawyers in Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 100 Rankings –** In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 28 Lenczner Slaght lawyers earned a total of 100 rankings, up from 86 in 2019.

- **The 2019 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 89 Rankings** – An increasing number of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Firm in \$1.7-million dispute with insurer** – Nina Bombier is quoted in the Law Times article “*Firm in \$1.7-million dispute with insurer*” on January 21, 2019. This article discusses the recent decision in *Dentons Canada LLP v. Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company*.
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- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm by Legal 500** – Legal 500 recognizes Lenczner Slaght as the “best litigation boutique in Canada.”
- **Arbitration Advantages** – Nina Bombier is quoted in the Lexpert article *Arbitration Advantages* on November 30, 2018. This article discusses the value of arbitration.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Excellence in Litigation** – Our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost litigators in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Clarity needed in estates after divorce** – Nina Bombier was mentioned in the Law Times article “*Clarity needed in estates after divorce*” on October 22, 2018. This article discusses the need for clarification in trusts and estates law, in the event of divorce.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Ranked in Best Lawyers in Canada** – Canada’s leading litigation firm is proud to announce that 25 of the firm’s 58 lawyers have been recognized in the *Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* publication across multiple categories.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Professional Excellence** – An increasing number of the firm’s lawyers have been ranked by their peers as leading practitioners in their field.
- **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.
- **Lenczner Slaght Ranked Among the Best** – Almost half of the leading litigation firm’s lawyers are recognized in the *Best Lawyers in Canada*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Shines in 2017 Lexpert Rankings** – Lenczner Slaght’s litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as leading practitioners in their fields according to the 2017 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.
- **16 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked as Canada’s Leading Litigators** – Number of Lenczner Slaght lawyers ranked in the year-end Lexpert Special Edition published in conjunction with *Report on Business* magazine jumps to 16.
- **Peers Recognize Lenczner Slaght’s Expertise in Cross-border Litigation** – Fifteen Lenczner Slaght lawyers have been ranked in the Lexpert 2016 Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada
- **Top court widens scope for appeals of insurance contract disputes** – Nina Bombier is quoted in the article *Top court widens scope for appeals of insurance contract disputes* on Canadian Lawyer’s website. The article focuses on the September 15, 2016 decision reached in *Ledcor Construction Ltd. v. Northbridge Indemnity Insurance Co.*

- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Best** – Nearly half of the firm's lawyers recognized among Canada's foremost practitioners
- **23 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked in 2016 Lexpert Directory** – This year, the Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory increased the number of Lenczner Slaght lawyers ranked among the best in Canada to 23, up from 20 in 2015.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Repeatedly Ranked Among the Best** – Half of the firm's lawyers are ranked as leading practitioners and three named "Lawyer of the Year" in the latest Best Lawyers in Canada Directory.
- **20 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Recognized in 2015 Lexpert Directory** – Recognized by Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory as leading practitioners.
- **Appeal court weighs in on duties of counsel appointed by insurers** – Nina Bombier was quoted in Law Times in relation to the Court of Appeal decision in Mallory v. Werkmann Estate, 2015 ONCA 71, which reinforces how the duty of loyalty and good faith owed by defence counsel to the insured client must trump the interests of the insurer that appoints and pays for counsel.
- **Negligence proof onus on plaintiffs, court reaffirms** – Nina Bombier was quoted in the October 10, 2014 issue of the Lawyers Weekly on the decision in Mangal et al. v. William Osler Health Centre et al.
- **Judge offers guidance on a 'troublesome area of practice'** – Nina Bombier was quoted in the September 1, 2014 issue of Law Times on handling delays in compliance with undertakings.
- **23 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Among the Best** – Nearly half of the firm's 49 lawyers are ranked as leading practitioners and two named "Lawyer of the Year" in the latest Best Lawyers in Canada Directory.
- **Lenczner Slaght Increases Rankings in 2014 Lexpert Directory** – Canada's leading litigation practice continues to add new names to the list.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Among the Best** – Canada's leading litigation practice has 22 professionals in the 2014 Best Lawyers in Canada list.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Advocates' Society
Chair, Personal Injury & Insurance Practice Group (2022-2023); Vice Chair, Personal Injury & Insurance Practice Group (2021-2022); Secretary, Personal Injury & Insurance Practice Group (2020-2021)
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Defence Lawyers Association