



Education

Osgoode Hall Law School (2022) JD
University of Toronto (2019) Political
Science and Criminology

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2023)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Arbitration
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Securities Litigation

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is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Solomiya summered and articulated at Lenczner Slaght, gaining experience in a variety of disciplines including commercial, regulatory, and securities matters. Solomiya also has experience working on motions, alternative dispute resolution, and trials, both virtually and in-person.

Solomiya completed her JD at Osgoode Hall Law School where she was extensively involved in clinical programs and student life. She worked as a junior and senior caseworker with the Osgoode Business Clinic, co-founded the Ukrainian Law Students and Securities Law Associations, was president of the Mooting Society, and co-president of the Tax Law Association. Solomiya was also an avid mooter, placing first in the Donald G.H. Bowman National Tax Moot, and third in the Securities Moot. In addition to her various academic awards, she was awarded the Dean's Gold Key for her contributions to student life.

Prior to attending law school, Solomiya double majored in Political Science and Criminology at the University of Toronto where she received the Gold Medal in the Arts at St. Michael's College.

SELECT CASES

- **Mittra v Royal Bank of Canada et al** – Counsel to RBC in this \$10 million wrongful dismissal claim. After a three-week trial, the Court held that RBC had just cause to dismiss the plaintiff without notice. Reported at 2024 ONSC 636.
- **Sherwani v Fargher** – Counsel to the successful Defendant Physician at trial in dismissing allegations of defamation and misfeasance of public office arising from the end of the Plaintiff Physician's privileges at West Parry Sound Hospital at a time when the Defendant Physician was Chief of Staff. The action was dismissed by the Trial Judge and costs of \$280,000 awarded to the Defendant Physician.
- **Confidential Matter** – Counsel to investor in arbitration regarding oppression and dissent claims.

- **Bilak et al v The Attorney General of Canada** – Application for Judicial Review challenging the decision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada to exempt turbines for the NordStream pipeline from Canada's sanctions regime against Russia enacted following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Minister's exemption was cancelled following the commencement of the Judicial Review application.
- **Re Solar Income Fund Inc.** – Counsel to a former director and officer in an Ontario Securities Commission enforcement proceeding.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Insights and Experiences Within the Legal Field** – Solomiya Zakharchuk was invited to speak at the University of Toronto Pre-Law Society's *Legal Professional's Panel*. Solomiya shared her insights on navigating the legal field, including her law school experience and what inspired her to pursue a career in law. She also offered valuable post-graduate advice and discussed current trends shaping the profession.
- **Moot Tune Up with Lenczner Slaght** – Hosted by the University of Toronto's Litigation Association, Sarah Gupta and Solomiya Zakharchuk led a moot demonstration and Q&A for students interested in participating in competitive moots.
- **Legal Professional Panel 2024** – Hosted by the University of Toronto's Pre-Law Students' Association, Doug Chalke and Solomiya Zakharchuk were invited to speak about their lives as legal professionals through a Q&A panel.
- **Independent Evaluation of ADR Chambers Banking Ombuds Office (ADRBO)** – Solomiya Zakharchuk provided research assistance for an independent evaluation of ADR Chambers Banking Ombuds Office (ADRBO), finding that the ADRBO was substantially compliant with regulations, and recommending avenues for growth.
- **Independent Evaluation of the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) Banking Mandate** – Solomiya Zakharchuk provided research assistance for an independent evaluation of the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) banking mandate, finding that the OBSI met and exceeded its regulatory obligations when dealing with disputes between consumers and banks, and recommending avenues for improvement.
- **Independent Evaluation of the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) Investments Mandate** – Solomiya Zakharchuk provided research assistance for an independent evaluation of the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) investments mandate, finding that the OBSI met and exceeded its regulatory obligations when dealing with investment disputes, and recommending avenues for improvement.

BLOG POSTS

- **Arrivederci, for Now** – Madison Robins and Solomiya Zakharchuk co-authored the blog *Arrivederci, for Now*, published on commercialist.com.
- **Emerging Trends in Shareholder Activism and ESG Litigation** – On September 19, 2024, The Advocates' Society held its 14th Annual Securities Symposium. As part of the program, Patrick Gadson (Vinson & Elkins LLP, New York) and Kelly Osaka (Dentons Canada LLP, Calgary) joined Brian Kolenda (Lenczner Slaght LLP, Toronto) to discuss emerging trends in shareholder activism and ESG litigation. Their

discussion, summarized below, emphasized the importance of understanding market participants and political sentiment, while highlighting upwards trends in greenwashing-related litigation, and the increasing prominence of proxy firms.

- **Mail (Un)Deliverable** – Lawrence E. Thacker and Solomiya Zakharchuk co-authored the blog *Mail (Un)Deliverable*, published on commercialist.com.
- **Out of Context, Out of Luck** – Solomiya Zakharchuk authored the blog *Out of Context, Out of Luck*, published on commercialist.com.
- **The SCC Leave Project: Predictions for July 22, 2021** – Here is a look at the leave application decisions that the Supreme Court of Canada will be releasing on July 22, 2021.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Nine New Associates** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to add to its collective experience and knowledge with the addition of nine exceptional associates.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2021** – Canada’s leading litigation firm is proud to add 13 exceptional, creative, and diverse perspectives to our team, further strengthening our ability to solve complex legal problems for our clients.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association
- Women’s White Collar Defense Association