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Legal 500 Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Excellence in Litigation

Lenczner Slaght maintains its Tier 1 ranking in Dispute Resolution in *Legal 500 Canada*.

Drawing on extensive research, client feedback, and interviews with leading lawyers, Legal 500 also highlights the firm's expertise in Construction, Insurance: Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property, IP Litigation, Life Sciences, and Insolvency and Restructuring.

Dispute Resolution

Hall of Fame

- Tom Curry
- Peter Griffin

Leading Partner

- Matthew B. Lerner
- Eli Lederman
- Monique Jilesen

Next Generation Partner

- Brian Kolenda

Recommended Lawyer

- Paul-Erik Veel

Legal 500 had this to say about our expert litigators:

> The powerhouse team at Lenczner Slaght leads in the Ontario litigation space, channeling the experience of its team to represent insurers, financial institutions, Canadian companies and household name multinationals involved in high-stakes litigation. The practice's robust client base spans sectors ranging from entertainment, tech, food, and education to media, construction and healthcare. The Toronto-based practice is headed by Monique Jilesen, a specialist in class actions, contract and shareholder

disputes, and professional liability matters; and Eli Lederman, who brings strength to securities law, commercial contracts, and franchise disputes. Other key figures include Brian Kolenda, who excels in civil fraud, professional negligence and defamation matters; Paul-Erik Veel, whose skill set covers class actions, competition law, and intellectual property matters; veteran trail lawyer Peter Griffin KC; Tom Curry, who handles complex class actions; and Matthew Lerner, who specializes in real estate disputes, employment litigation, and insolvency matters.

Construction

Leading Partner

- Andrew Parley

Next Generation Partner

- Aaron Grossman

Recommended Lawyer

- Andrea Wheeler
- Matthew Lerner
- Matthew Sammon

With a strong focus on construction litigation, Lenczner Slaght is well-versed in claims relating to delay and disruption, defects and performance issues. The Toronto-based practice has extensive trial experience, with a successful track record managing, prosecuting and resolving claims. Andrew Parley and Matthew Sammon spearhead the team, representing contractors, owners, developers and subcontractors in construction disputes. Matthew Lerner has experience before all levels of court in Ontario, and Andrea Wheeler has experience before administrative tribunals and in private arbitrations. Aaron Grossman combines litigation expertise with a background as a structural engineer.

Insurance: Dispute Resolution

Leading Partner

- Nina Bombier – Insurance, Insurance: Dispute Resolution

Next Generation Partner

- Aoife Quinn – Insurance: Dispute Resolution

Recommended Lawyer

- Mark Veneziano – Insurance: Dispute Resolution

Overseen by Nina Bombier, Lenczner Slaght has extensive experience in policy, coverage, defence, and reinsurance disputes, regularly acting for policyholders in claims against insurers. The team handles a broad range of issues, including trigger of coverage, excluded claims, and run-off coverage matters, and is also active in class action defence, product liability claims, and commercial liabilities. Bombier regularly handles coverage, defence of product liability, environmental contamination, and overlapping policy matters. Mark Veneziano is noted for his trial and appellate experience in class action defence, directors' and officers' liability disputes, and professional negligence cases, while Aoife Quinn maintains a civil litigation practice.

Intellectual Property & Intellectual Property Litigation

Leading Lawyer

- Sana Halwani – Intellectual Property, IP Litigation
- Jordana Sanft – Intellectual Property, IP Litigation

Recommended Lawyer

- Jim Lepore – IP Litigation
- Andrew Moeser – IP Litigation

Lenczner Slaght places a strong emphasis on IP litigation, with particular expertise in patent trials. The group represents clients from a variety of industries including pharmaceuticals, biotech and manufacturing. At the helm of the practice, Sana Halwani handles IP disputes in the life sciences, IT and telecom industries, and Jordana Sanft excels in patent, trademark and copyright litigation. Another key member of the team is Andrew Moeser, who has experience before all levels of court in Ontario in addition to the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal. Jim Lepore was promoted to partner in January 2026, and all named lawyers operate from Toronto.

Life Sciences

Recommended Lawyer

- Sana Halwani
- Jordana Sanft

As a specialist litigation firm, Lenczner Slaght represents a broad life sciences client base in patent, trademark, and copyright proceedings. The team also advises on intellectual property litigation in the US. Jordana Sanft and Sana Halwani co-lead the team. Sanft is a trusted advisor for large pharmaceutical companies, and is active across patent impeachments, infringement actions, and disputes, while Halwani is recognized for her strength as a litigator in complex intellectual property matters before Ontario and Federal courts.

Insolvency and Restructuring

Recommended Lawyers

- Matthew B. Lerner
- Monique Jilesen

Lenczner Slaght maintains a strong position in the market for insolvency and restructuring litigation, acting for creditors, debtors and court-appointed officers. The Toronto-based team is led by Monique Jilesen, who has extensive experience in CCAA restructuring proceedings, and Matthew Lerner is geared to support in commercial litigation involving real estate and insolvency matters.

About Legal 500

The Legal 500 rankings are based on a series of criteria that recognize the practice area teams who provide the most cutting edge and innovative advice to corporate counsel. The research is based on feedback from 300,000 clients worldwide, submissions from law firms and interviews with leading private practice lawyers, and a team of researchers who have unrivalled experience in the legal market.