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# Lenczner Slaght Continues to Support Access to Advocacy Opportunities

Lenczner Slaght is proud to contribute to Ryerson Law's Scholarships and Awards program, focused on supporting students with financial need from historically underrepresented groups.

As part of our continued efforts to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion in the legal industry and to increase access to advocacy opportunities for law students, Lenczner Slaght has recently donated to the Santan and Omega De Mello Community Leadership Award. This entrance award is for a full-time student entering their first year at Ryerson Law, who self-identifies as Black or Indigenous, and who has demonstrated a commitment to building and improving Black and Indigenous communities.

Natalie Zinman, Director of Legal Recruitment & Development at Lenczner Slaght, says: "In addition to our Advocacy Internships, this initiative is another way that we are partnering with law schools to support diverse and first-generation students who are interested in developing their advocacy skills. The scholarship has been established by Toni De Mello, former Director of Human Rights at Ryerson and now the Assistant Dean for Student Programming, Development and Equity at Ryerson's Faculty of Law. Ms. De Mello has worked with our firm internally to help us advance our inclusion efforts."

We encourage prospective law students at Ryerson to learn more about the award [here](#).