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# Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2025

Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to welcome eight talented law students for a summer of growth, learning, and collaboration as they help us solve our clients' most complex legal problems.

"We are excited to welcome Sam Abramson, Eliza Glady, Lina Kohandani, Seliya Mawani, Madelaine McDonagh, Erin Menzies, James Staines, and Donya Tamehi to the firm today," says Managing Partner, Monique Jilesen. "Their fresh perspectives, dedication, and passion for the law will help us continue delivering exceptional service to our clients. We look forward to seeing all they accomplish this summer!"

## Learn more about our Summer Student Class of 2025 below.

**Sam Abramson** is completing his JD at Queen's University Faculty of Law. During law school, Sam represented Queen's in the Laskin Moot as the team's French language oralist and then served on the Competitive Moot Committee. Sam is actively involved in his faculty's community with leadership roles in the Jewish Law Students' Association and the Queen's Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Club. He has a keen interest in international law, having participated in Queen's Public International Law Program and interned with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

**Eliza Glady** is a JD candidate at Western University, Faculty of Law. Eliza is deeply involved in the Western Law community, including as a volunteer with the Community Legal Services Clinic and Pro Bono Students Canada. She served as a Project Lead for Project Consent at Pro Bono Students Canada, providing public legal education presentations for young people. Eliza also serves as a teaching assistant for a first-year Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy class, and has successfully competed in numerous trial and appellate advocacy competitions.

**Lina Kohandani** is a JD candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School. She honed her skill for oral and written advocacy throughout law school. Lina is a member of the Osgoode Mooting Society, where she helps coach the Baby Gale team, mentoring first-year students in developing their advocacy skills. She has also served as a student caseworker at the

Investor Protection Clinic, where she assisted vulnerable investors with securities litigation matters.

**Seliya Mawani** is a JD candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she focused on client-centered advocacy through various volunteer initiatives. As a student clinic fellow with Osgoode's IP Innovation Clinic, Seliya works with inventors and entrepreneurs to support their intellectual pursuits and help them better understand the value of their intellectual property. She also contributed to Osgoode's 2025 Jessup Moot Team, where her research played a key role in the team's success at the Canadian National Rounds and International Rounds in Washington, D.C.

**Madelaine McDonagh** is completing her JD at Osgoode Hall Law School. With a passion for litigation, she honed her advocacy skills through case competitions while completing her MBA and continued to refine them through mooting in law school. In her final year at Osgoode, she will serve as a caseworker at Parkdale Community Legal Services on the social assistance, violence, and health team. Madelaine also has a particular interest in tort law, having co-authored academic critiques on key legal issues, including the tort of nuisance.

**Erin Menzies** is completing the Dual JD program at the University of Windsor and the University of Detroit Mercy. Erin has served as a caseworker at Community Legal Aid in Windsor and the Federal Pro Se Clinic at the Eastern Michigan District Court. She is also a teaching assistant for the 1L Comparative Legal Writing and Research course. As a law student, Erin's commitment to advocacy is reflected in her roles on Windsor's Criminal Law Association and Women and the Law, where she advocates for important legal perspectives within the profession.

**James Staines** is completing his JD at Osgoode Hall Law School. At law school, James works as a caseworker at the Artists' Legal Advice Services Clinic, guiding emerging Canadian artists as they navigate various legal challenges. James has also served as an Associate Editor of the Osgoode Hall Law Journal, critically evaluating and editing submitted articles before publication. Throughout law school, James has actively developed his advocacy skills through mooting, competing successfully at various levels.

**Donya Tamehi** is completing her JD at Osgoode Hall Law School. She discovered her affinity for advocacy through Osgoode Hall Law School's mooting program, where she competed in various moots. Donya further strengthened her research and written advocacy skills through clinical

placements. She was an Immigration Division Leader with Osgoode's Community and Legal Aid Services Program, where she advocated on behalf of non-status residents while navigating complex legal challenges.