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# 2018 Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot Takes Place February 16-17

Lenczner Slaght is pleased to announce that the Criminal Lawyers' Association ("CLA") will be the new co-sponsor of the Gale Cup, replacing the Canadian Bar Association. The CLA is Canada's largest criminal law specialty association and a leading voice for criminal justice and civil liberties in Canada.

The Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot, one of Canada's most prestigious bilingual law school mooting competitions, takes place February 16-17 at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, with 16 law schools from across Canada participating.

The competition will open with a special welcome reception in the lobby of Lenczner Slaght's offices on Friday, February 16. "The Gale Cup offers young advocates the chance to test their skills at the beginning of their careers," said Tom Curry, managing partner of Lenczner Slaght. "We are very excited to know that our sponsorship is supporting the development of tomorrow's great lawyers."

"The Criminal Lawyers' Association is delighted to be continuing our involvement in the Gale Cup Moot this year. The Gale Cup is Canada's premier criminal law moot. The level of advocacy we see from the participants each year is truly outstanding. It is a thrill for the CLA to watch the future generation of criminal lawyers in action. Their passion for criminal law and their commitment to excellence are inspiring," says CLA Vice-President Breese Davies.

The CLA assists its members in every aspect of the practice of criminal litigation. We develop and host continuing education programs for criminal law practitioners and law students.

In addition to the Gale Cup and other team and individual awards, the McLachlin Prize will be awarded to the best female mooter on Saturday, February 17 at Osgoode Hall. The Honourable Justice Suzanne Côté of the Supreme Court of Canada will deliver the after-dinner keynote address at the gala awards banquet.

This year's case is *R v Paterson*. In *R v Paterson*, 2017 SCC 15, a 911 call led RCMP officers to the door of Brendan Paterson, where the smell of marijuana prompted them to search his home despite finding insufficient urgency or cause to

arrest him. Police found drug paraphernalia, a bullet proof vest and a number of firearms, but the Supreme Court of Canada overturned his convictions in 5-2 decision clarifying the requirements for exigent circumstances in police searches of suspects' homes. In acquitting Mr. Paterson, the Court further found that considerations of voluntariness and the common law confessions have no operation during a Charter voir dire to ascertain the admissibility of evidence at trial. The dissenting Justices agreed with the Majority on the substantive points of law, but would have allowed the evidence seized from Mr. Paterson's home due to the good faith conduct of police in what they considered a legal grey area.

Students taking part in the Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot are permitted to moot in either English or French, with simultaneous translation provided for oral arguments.

### **About Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot**

Founded in 1974, the Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot provides top law students across the country with the chance to argue a Constitutional law case before three judge panels hearing a mock appeal from a real-world decision of the Supreme Court of Canada. Judges from across Canada make up the judging panels. Alumni of the Gale Cup include some of Canada's best known lawyers and most respected legal minds, such as Justice Thomas Cromwell of the Supreme Court of Canada, who won the Gale Cup Moot in 1976.

For more information on the Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot, visit [www.galecupmoot.com](http://www.galecupmoot.com).

### **About Lenczner Slaght**

Recognized as Canada's leading litigation practice, Lenczner Slaght has successfully represented clients' interests in complex, high-profile cases across the country. The firm's lawyers are distinguished by their depth of courtroom experience, appearing regularly at all levels of the federal and provincial courts and before professional and regulatory tribunals, as well as in mediation and arbitration proceedings. Lenczner Slaght is also known for its wealth of talent: the firm's partners, ranked among the best of their peers nationally, lead a recruitment and mentoring program that attracts gifted litigators who are committed to upholding the highest professional standards.

From commercial disputes, class actions and cross-border disputes to administrative law and professional regulation, Lenczner Slaght brings expert strategy – backed by rigorous research, skilled data management and solid administrative support – to demanding cases in all areas of litigation. Founded in 1992, the Toronto-based firm has a diverse roster of clients

that ranges from individuals and small businesses, to large and multinational companies, to professional associations and regulatory bodies. The firm's 56 lawyers are focused exclusively on litigation.

**About the Criminal Lawyers' Association**

The CLA is one of the largest specialty legal organizations in Canada, with more than 1,350 members. We are a voice for criminal justice and civil liberties in Canada. Our advice and perspective is sought by all levels of government and the judiciary on issues relating to legislation and the administration of criminal justice. We are an affiliate of the U.S. National Association of Criminal Defence Lawyers and work closely with The Canadian Counsel of Criminal Defence Lawyers (CCCDL), The County and District Law President's Association (CDLPA) and other key stakeholders. For more information, please go to [www.criminallawyers.ca](http://www.criminallawyers.ca).

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