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2020 Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot Takes Place February 14-15

Lenczner Slaght is pleased to announce the continued partnership with the Criminal Lawyers' Association ("CLA") as co-sponsors of the Gale Cup Moot. The CLA is Canada's largest criminal law specialty association and a leading voice for criminal justice and civil liberties in Canada. We are excited to continue working with one of the leading criminal law organizations in Canada.

The Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot, one of Canada's most prestigious bilingual law school mooting competitions, takes place February 14-15 at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, with 19 law schools from across Canada participating.

"For 46 years the Gale Cup has offered aspiring advocates an opportunity to learn the tradecraft of appellate advocacy before panels of experienced Judges," said Tom Curry, managing partner of Lenczner Slaght. "We are very pleased to know that our sponsorship supports the development of tomorrow's great counsel".

"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. We are inspired by their passion for criminal law and their commitment to excellence," says CLA Vice-President, and Gale Cup Co-Chair, Daniel Brown.

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 15 at Osgoode Hall by the Honourable Justice Sheilah Martin, who will also deliver the after-dinner keynote address at the gala awards banquet.

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 former Supreme Court of Canada Justice, Thomas Cromwell, who won the Gale Cup Moot in 1976.

For more information on the Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot, visit www.galecupmoot.com.

About Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP

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.

About the Criminal Lawyers' Association

The CLA is one of the largest specialty legal organizations in Canada, with more than 1,500 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.

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