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is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Sahar has a broad litigation practice, with a special focus on injunctions, civil fraud matters, as well as complex commercial and shareholder disputes. She has significant experience and expertise obtaining and resisting urgent injunctive relief, including *Marevas*, *Anton Pillers* and *Norwich* orders, and has acted as Independent Supervising Solicitor (ISS), executing orders as an independent officer of the Court.

Sahar has worked with clients across a wide range of industries including banking and financial services institutions, Canadian and foreign public and private companies, non-governmental bodies, governments and regulators.

In addition to advocating for clients in court, Sahar has acted on mandates related to judicial inquiries and other investigations involving regulators.

Sahar is a graduate of the University of Windsor's Dual JD program with the University of Detroit Mercy, and holds both Canadian and American Law degrees.

At school, Sahar was the recipient of several Academic Achievement awards, including the Frank Murphy Honor Society Award reserved to students graduating at the top of their class, who significantly contributed to the legal community. She clerked for the Hon. Chief Judge Phillip J. Shefferly, in the Eastern District of Michigan Federal Court, and was focused on various advocacy and access to justice initiatives. Sahar volunteered at Pro Bono Students Canada: Windsor Law Chapter, the Windsor Refugee Sponsorship Support Program, as well as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Legal Clinic in Detroit, Michigan.

Education

University of Windsor (2018) JD
University of Detroit Mercy (2018) JD (Summa Cum Laude)
York University (2011) BA (Political Science and Criminology) (Honours)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2019)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Arbitration
Commercial Litigation
Competition and Antitrust
Defamation and Media
Employment
Injunctions
Insolvency and Restructuring
Investigations
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law
Securities Litigation

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RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in Canada (2026)
Ones to Watch – Administrative and Public Law & Corporate and Commercial Litigation

SELECT CASES

- **Catounis v Jugenburg** – Successful trial counsel to the defendant physician in a medical negligence trial involving allegations of informed consent and breach of contract. The court dismissed the plaintiff's claims

in their entirety. The defendant was successful in establishing that the plaintiff had provided informed consent, and no implied or express guarantee was provided by the defendant with respect to the outcome of the medical procedures.

- **English Montreal School Board v Attorney General of Quebec** – Counsel to the intervenor, Canadian Council of Muslim Women, in an unprecedented five-day appeal at the Supreme Court of Canada in a constitutional challenge to Quebec's Bill 21, the Act respecting the laicity of the State, which prohibits government employees from wearing religious symbols when exercising their official functions.
- **Inquest into the Death of DK** – Acted as counsel for participating parties with standing in a mandatory inquest into the death of a patient at a hospital, pursuant to section 10 of the *Coroners Act*.
- **Adamovsky v Filipenko** – Counsel for the Respondent in a complex foreign judgment enforcement application arising from long standing, multi-jurisdictional litigation, successfully resisting the Ontario recognition and enforcement of a number of foreign judgments, obtained against the Respondent in Ukrainian and British Virgin Islands.
- **Wu v Jugenburg** – Successfully defended the defendant physician in a two-week trial involving fundamental medical and legal issues regarding informed consent in medical procedures, including timing, delegation, and material disclosure, with the court confirming that the plaintiff had provided informed consent.
- **Habiba v Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)** – Counsel to the Canadian Council of Muslim Women, acting as a public interest party, in an application for judicial review, challenging the constitutionality of certain provisions within the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, on the basis that they contravene the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- **His Majesty The King in Right of Ontario v IBM Canada** – Counsel to IBM in a breach of contract dispute arising from a failed software implementation project.
- **Ryan Alford v Canada (Attorney General)** – Counsel to the intervenor, the Canadian Constitution Foundation, at the Supreme Court of Canada in an appeal that will consider the constitutionality of legislation that limits the scope of parliamentary immunity. The outcome of the appeal will have an impact on the separation of powers and the sphere of parliamentary free speech.
- **Edgewood Health Network Inc v Joanna Anderson** – Independent Supervising Solicitor for the execution of an Anton Piller order.
- **Bell Media Inc et al v Warner Bros. Discovery et al** – Counsel to the Warner Bros. Discovery entities responding to Bell Media's application for a permanent injunction in a media licensing dispute involving television content rights and distribution to Rogers Communications Inc.
- **L v H** – Acted as counsel for a defendant physician in proceedings before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, where the Tribunal held a combined summary and preliminary hearing and ultimately deciding that the applicant had not pointed to any evidence that could establish a connection between the respondents' actions and the alleged violations of the Human Rights Code, successfully dismissing of the case in its entirety as against the physician.
- **Metro Ontario Inc v Mouzakitis et al** – Counsel to Metro Ontario Inc. successfully obtaining a *Mareva* injunction and Anton Piller Orders, against former employees for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, and fraud.
- **Confidential Matter** – Counsel to financial solutions company

responding to injunction brought by telecommunications company for confidential data.

- **Ernst & Young LLP v Doe** – Counsel to the applicant, EY, in successfully obtaining an order for the repayment of stolen funds, fraudulently obtained by way of a sophisticated cyberfraud scheme.
- **10390160 Canada Ltd et al v Casey et al** – Counsel to a number of investors in a limited partnership commencing an action for breach of contract and seeking a Mareva injunction against the Defendants.
- **Various DCR Strategies Inc Matters** – Counsel to the Plaintiff DCR Strategies Inc. in a number of matters, seeking damages and injunctive relief relating to disclosure and use of confidential information.
- **Li v Barber** – Agent for class counsel in a class proceeding by residents, employees, and businesses in Ottawa against the Freedom Convoy organizers. Successfully obtained an *ex parte Mareva* order freezing donations made to Freedom Convoy organizers and preserving the funds for the benefit of Ottawa residents, employees, and businesses.
- **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a public inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway, a significant municipal highway.
- **Various Stakeholders** – Counsel to various stakeholders in competing applications for the appointment of a receiver and manager pursuant to subsection 243(1) the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, and an application for protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.
- **Sakab Saudi Holding Company v Al Jabri et al** – Counsel to Canadian cybersecurity suppliers in dispute between Saudi companies and former Minister of Saudi government. Successfully set aside *Norwich* Orders affecting the Canadian suppliers that had been obtained on an *ex parte* basis.
- **Petrochemical Commercial Company International Ltd v Nexus** – Counsel to individual respondents in a cross-border asset freezing application involving a worldwide and multijurisdictional Mareva injunction, including Malaysia, Cyprus and Australia.
- **Sanctuary et al v Toronto (City) et al** – Counsel to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association in partnership with a coalition of public interest organizations, in proceedings against the City of Toronto, fighting for better protections and conditions in the City's shelter system and respite sites in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Michael L Goguen v Amber Laurel Baptiste** – Counsel to the plaintiff commencing an action to enforce a foreign judgement and obtaining a Mareva injunction in support of the action, ensuring that the defendants do not sell or dissipate any of their assets in Canada.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **The 14th Annual Young Women in Law Charity Gala** – Sahar Talebi led a fireside chat at the Young Women in Law's 14th Annual Charity Gala, in support of Monday Girl.
- **Commercial List Year in Review 5-Year Retrospective (2021-2025)** – This guide offers data-driven analysis on all decisions published on CanLII from 2021-2025, an overview of the top 10 noteworthy cases, as well as key developments in insolvency matters, shareholder disputes, injunctions, and securities litigation.
- **Quebec's Secularism Law Gets Its Day in Court** – Sahar Talebi shared her expertise on the Canadian Bar Association's Verdicts &

Voices podcast. In the episode, *Quebec's Secularism Law Gets Its Day in Court*, Sahar provided a preview of the Supreme Court of Canada's hearing on Quebec's secularism law and the notwithstanding clause, a highly anticipated Charter case.

- **International Women's Day 2026** – Sahar Talebi was a featured speaker at the annual International Women's Day program organized by the Law Society of Ontario. Sahar discussed a range of topics on equity in the legal profession.
- **2025 Snapshot: Through the Lens of Lenczner Slaght** – We've released our *2025 Snapshot*, highlighting the most significant developments, decisions, and trends in litigation from the past year across 21 practice areas. Reflect on 2025 and look ahead to 2026 through the lens of our expert litigators.
- **EDI and Empowering Women Legal Professionals** – Sana Halwani and Sahar Talebi were invited as featured speakers at the annual International Women's Day program, *EDI and Empowering Women Legal Professionals*, organized by the Law Society of Ontario, Ontario Bar Association (Women Lawyers Forum), Women's Law Association of Ontario (WLAO), Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, Young Women in Law (YWL), and Women in Canadian Criminal Defence (WiCCD). Sana and Sahar joined a panel of diverse legal professionals to discuss topics related to the retention and advancement of women in law, addressing systemic barriers and biases, and the importance of taking concrete steps to achieve meaningful Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).
- **2024 Snapshot: Through the Lens of Lenczner Slaght** – Lenczner Slaght launches our *2024 Snapshot*, which highlights the most significant developments, decisions, and trends in litigation from the past year across 20 areas of expertise. Reflect on 2024 and look ahead to 2025 through the lens of our expert litigators.
- **Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics and Professionalism 2024** – We were proud to continue our sponsorship of Western Law's Annual Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Madison Robins, Sean Lewis, Bonnie Greenaway, Sahar Talebi, and Kyle Magee participated as judges.
- **Accelerating Progress – Supporting Women Change-Makers in the Legal Profession** – Sahar was invited to lead the panel discussion for this year's annual International Women's Day program, focusing on 'Accelerating Progress: Supporting Women Change-makers in the Legal Profession'. The panel discussed how they have championed gender equality to battle discrimination and disparities, which are harmful not only to women's rights and advancement, but to the professions' progress.
- **CCIL's 52nd Annual Conference** – Sahar Talebi was invited to speak at the *Canadian Council on International Law's 52nd Annual Conference*. As part of a panel, Sahar examined human rights abuse in Iran and the struggle for accountability.
- **The 12th Annual Young Women in Law Charity Gala** – Sahar Talebi was honoured to lead an honest, important, and inspiring fireside chat with keynote speaker, Lisa LaFlamme, at Young Women in Law's 12th Annual Charity Gala.
- **Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality in the Legal Professions** – Sahar Talebi was a featured speaker at the Law Society of Ontario's 2023 International Women's Day event: "Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality in the Legal Professions". Sahar joined a panel of diverse legal professionals who shared how they have championed innovation and technology, and driven Equity, Diversity, and

Inclusion principles in their organizations.

- **Advocacy & Mooting Program** – Sahar Talebi was invited to share her expertise on Written Advocacy as part of Windsor Law's Advocacy & Mooting Program.
- **CBA Competition Law Online Symposium** – Sahar Talebi shared her expertise on the session titled "What is Happening with Injunction Jurisprudence at the Competition Tribunal?".
- **Women Inspiring Women: Women Legal Leaders** – Sahar Talebi was a featured speaker at the Law Society of Ontario's 2022 International Women's Day event: "Women Inspiring Women: Women Legal Leaders". Sahar joined a panel of diverse legal professionals who shared stories of what inspired them to choose their career paths, the challenges faced along the way and how they work to promote the advancement of women in the legal professions.
- **Young Advocates Braving the Virtual Courtroom: Practical Tips & Advice from the Commercial List** – Sahar Talebi authored the blog *Young Advocates Braving the Virtual Courtroom: Practical Tips & Advice from the Commercial List*, which was published on commercialist.com.
- **The Mareva Injunction: An Extraordinary Remedy** – Sahar Talebi's blog *The Mareva Injunction: An Extraordinary Remedy* was published on commercialist.com.
- **Litigation Practice Employer Panel** – Sahar Talebi spoke on Windsor Law's Career Services webinar *Litigation Practice*. The panel spoke to law students interested in practicing litigation.

BLOG POSTS

- **No Veil to Hide Behind: Personal Liability for Corporate Fraud** – The days of directors and officers taking comfort in the corporate veil as a shield against personal exposure are over. In *CHU de Québec-Université Laval v Tree of Knowledge International Corp*, the Ontario Court of Appeal unanimously confirmed that an officer or director who participates in fraudulent conduct can be held personally liable for the corporation's civil fraud, without any need to pierce the corporate veil.
- **Better Evidence, Better Decisions: Key Takeaways from CLUC Education & Social Day 2026** – Sahar Talebi and Arash Nayerahmadi co-authored the blog *Better Evidence, Better Decisions: Key Takeaways from CLUC Education & Social Day 2026*, published on commercialist.com.
- **5-Year Retrospective: Injunctive Relief** – The blog, *5-Year Retrospective: Injunctive Relief*, co-authored by Monique Jilesen and Sahar Talebi was published on commercialist.com as part of the Commercial List Year in Review: 5-Year Retrospective (2021-2025) guide. In this blog, they unpack the recent trends in Commercial List injunction jurisprudence, which demonstrate that the Court remains agile in applying injunctive remedies to address evolving commercial disputes, and that parties bringing an injunction in a commercial context should engage in a pragmatic analysis of their case, focusing on practical implications rather than getting caught up in technical classifications and labels.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Windsor Law Celebrates Sahar Talebi, Recipient of the Dual JD Transnational Leader Award** – For her outstanding professional

achievements and significant contributions to both the legal profession and broader community on an international scale, Sahar Talebi has been honoured with the 2025 Dual JD Transnational Leader Award.

- **6 Key Moments From the Supreme Court Challenge of Quebec's Secularism Law** – CBC News featured Sahar Talebi in its coverage of the Supreme Court of Canada hearing on Quebec's Bill 21. During the hearing, Sahar reminded the Court of the people affected by Bill 21, highlighting the increased prejudice, harassment, and hate crimes faced by Muslim women in Quebec. She emphasized the profound and lasting impacts of having their identities, clothing choices, and religious expression policed and restricted.

Paul-Erik Veel, Sahar Talebi, and Mina Alam represented the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) as an intervener in this important matter.

- **'We're Not Teetering on the Edge... of Fascism': SCC Hears Intervenors, Closing Arguments in Bill 21 Case** – Canadian Lawyer covered the Supreme Court of Canada hearing on the constitutional challenge to Quebec's Bill 21, featuring Sahar Talebi for her advocacy on behalf of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW). In the article, Sahar described Muslim women as "the face of Bill 21's exclusion" and stated that a judicial declaration recognizing Charter infringements is essential to acknowledging and validating the harm Muslim women experience and continue to experience. She emphasized that such declarations are critical for accountability and for ensuring that the rights of marginalized groups are not rendered invisible by the Constitution.

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- **Supreme Court Wraps Up Four-Day Hearing on Quebec's Bill 21** – Sahar Talebi was featured in an article by The Globe and Mail covering the Supreme Court of Canada hearing on the constitutional challenge to Quebec's Bill 21. In the article, Sahar was quoted, urging the Court to recognize the discriminatory harm experienced by Muslim women and to support judicial declarations that would guide future laws on similar issues.

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- **Supreme Court Set to Hold Marathon Hearing on Quebec's "Secularism" Law** – Sahar Talebi's commentary from the Canadian Bar Association's Verdicts & Voices podcast episode, *Quebec's Secularism Law Gets Its Day in Court*, was cited in an article by the Canadian Bar Association's *National Magazine*. The article examines the Supreme Court of Canada's upcoming hearing relating to a constitutional challenge to Quebec's Bill 21. Paul-Erik Veel, Sahar Talebi, and Mina Alam are representing the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) as an intervener in this important matter.

- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Featured Among Best Lawyers in Canada** – The 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 180+ rankings, featuring 48 of our expert litigators across 27 practice areas.

- **7 Lenczner Slaght Litigators Appointed to Leadership Roles in The Advocates' Society** – As recognized leaders of the bar, our lawyers will help advance the mission of Canada's leading organization for litigators – fostering a national, collegial community of advocates committed to excellence inside and outside the courtroom.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Elected to The Advocates' Society's Leadership** – We are pleased to announce that Sahar Talebi, Aoife Quinn, Aaron Grossman, Christopher Yung, Paul-Erik Veel, and Andrew Parley will be serving prominent leadership positions at The Advocates' Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice.
- **The 12th Annual Young Women in Law Charity Gala** – Sahar Talebi is featured in Precedent Magazine's recap on The 12th Annual Young Women in Law Charity Gala. Sahar Talebi, YWL's Director of Sponsorship, led a fireside chat with former CTV National News anchor Lisa LaFlamme.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Eight New Associates** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of eight exceptional associates.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Young Women in Law
Vice President, Director of Sponsorship
- The Advocates' Society
Chair of the Allyship Working Group (2024-2025), Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee Representative (2024-2025), Member of the Young Advocates Standing Committee
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Group of Racialized (Ontario) Women Litigators (GROWL)
Committee Member, Mentor
- Women's Law Association of Ontario
Mentor