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Amber's developing practice includes a broad range of intellectual property and commercial litigation. Amber has experience with disputes involving companies in the pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, life sciences, chemistry, telecommunications, technology, and oil and gas sectors.

Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght, Amber practiced in the intellectual property litigation group at a large international firm in Calgary and summered and articulated at a leading national intellectual property boutique.

Before law school, Amber earned her BSc in chemistry from Saint Mary's University and her MSc in chemistry from the University of British Columbia. Amber's master's research focused on designing innovative ways to increase the efficiency of dye-sensitized solar cells. After that, Amber worked as a chemistry instructor at Simon Fraser University and as a marketing specialist at a major Canadian biotechnology company.

Education

University of Calgary (2020) JD
University of British Columbia (2015)
MSc (Chemistry)
Saint Mary's University (2012) BSc
(Chemistry)

Bar Admissions

2022 (Ontario)
2021 (Alberta)

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property
Commercial Litigation
Injunctions
Appeals

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SELECT CASES

- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v Pharmascience Inc** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent No. 2,845,553.
- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v Pharmascience Inc** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent Nos. 2,845,553 and 2,990,210.
- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v JAMP Pharma Corporation** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent No. 2,990,210.
- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v Natco Pharma (Canada) Inc** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent No. 2,845,553.
- **Gilead Sciences Inc, et al v JAMP Pharma Corporation** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent No. 2,845,553.
- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v Apotex Inc** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent Nos. 2,845,553 and 2,990,210.
- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v Natco Pharma (Canada) Inc** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent Nos. 2,845,553 and

2,990,210.

- **Gilead Sciences, Inc et al v Apotex Inc** – Counsel to Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. in a NOC action in the Federal Court in respect of Canadian Patent No. 2,845,553.
- **Rovi Guides v BCE Inc, Ericsson et al** – Counsel to Adeia Guides, Inc. and Adeia Media Holdings LLC in a patent infringement action involving four patents related to digital entertainment technologies.
- **Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc et al v JAMP Pharma Corporation** – Counsel to Sunovion in a NOC action relating to LATUDA (lurasidone), an antipsychotic medication used to treat bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght).*
- **Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc et al v Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd** – Counsel to Sunovion in a NOC action relating to LATUDA (lurasidone), an antipsychotic medication used to treat bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght).*
- **WiLAN Inc v Apple Canada Inc** – Counsel to Apple in a patent infringement action relating to cellular telecommunications. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght).*

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Kinetics teach that electronic coupling lowers the free-energy change that accompanies electron transfer** – Amber Blair co-authored the article "Kinetics teach that electronic coupling lowers the free-energy change that accompanies electron transfer" which was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
- **Crystal structure of 2-azido-1,3-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,3,2-diazaphospholidine** – Amber Blair co-authored the article "Crystal structure of 2-azido-1,3-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,3,2-diazaphospholidine" which was published in Acta Crystallographica Section E.
- **Kinetic pathway for interfacial electron transfer from a semiconductor to a molecule** – Amber Blair co-authored the article "Kinetic pathway for interfacial electron transfer from a semiconductor to a molecule" which was published in Nature Chemistry.
- **1-(2,4,6-Triisopropylphenyl)ethanone** – Amber Blair co-authored the article "1-(2,4,6-Triisopropylphenyl)ethanone" which was published in Acta Crystallographica Section E.

BLOG POSTS

- **Shocking Result? Summary Trial on Battery Jump Starter Patent Fails to Get Going** – Patent infringement cases are complex and technical, and historically Canadian courts were reluctant to endorse summary disposition in the patent context. However, in recent years there has been an increased trend towards the application of summary proceedings in this area. In particular, we have previously commented on decisions of the Federal Court (“FC”) (*Canmar, Kobold, and Janssen*) and Federal Court of Appeal (“FCA”) (*Canmar and ViiV*) that demonstrate the Court’s willingness to approve summary proceedings in patent cases under the appropriate circumstances. Last fall, the FCA decision in *Gemak* was interpreted by some commentators as a return to the historical position, but in our view, *Gemak* can be viewed as tapping the brakes on summary judgment rather than signalling a more sweeping reversal of the trend towards summary adjudication.
- **To Consolidate or Not to Consolidate – This is the Federal Court’s Question** – In a recent decision, *Takeda Canada Inc v Apotex Inc*, the Federal Court dismissed the Plaintiff, Takeda’s, motion for consolidation of two actions against Apotex relating to Takeda’s dextansoprazole (DEXILANT) under section 6 of the *Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations* (the “PM(NOC) Regulations”).

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Seven New Associates** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to add to its collective experience and knowledge with the addition of seven exceptional associates.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association