



#### Education

University of Calgary (2014) JD  
University of British Columbia (2010)  
BA (Political Science)

#### Bar Admissions

Ontario (2015)

#### Practice Areas

Appeals  
Arbitration  
Commercial Litigation  
Construction and Infrastructure  
Defamation and Media  
Insolvency and Restructuring  
Professional Liability and Regulation

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# Delna Contractor

#### DELNA CONTRACTOR

is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

Delna has a wide range of expertise and experience in private and public law matters. Her civil litigation practice includes complex commercial disputes, restructuring and insolvency cases, civil fraud, professional negligence and defamation matters. Her public law practice includes workplace investigations and judicial reviews.

Delna has experience prosecuting and defending claims at trial and on appeal. She has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario as well as arbitrations and administrative tribunals.

Delna is passionate about improving diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, particularly for women of colour and first-generation lawyers. She acts as a mentor to junior lawyers and law students through several legal organizations.

Delna is a member of the Toronto Commercial List Users' Committee, the Advocates' Society, the Group of Racialized (Ontario) Women Litigators (GROWL) and the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, where she is an active member of the Advocacy Committee.

## RECOGNITION

- ▶ Benchmark Canada (2022-2023)  
Future Star
- ▶ Best Lawyers in Canada (2022-2024)  
Ones to Watch – Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring Law, Medical Negligence
- ▶ Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2023)  
Litigation - Corporate Commercial
- ▶ The Legal 500 Canada (2023)  
Insolvency & Restructuring (Recommended Lawyer)

## SELECT CASES

- ▶ **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a Judicial Inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway.
- ▶ **Nelson v Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Ontario** – Counsel to the Defendant, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, on a successful motion to strike an action by an employee on the basis that the Court lacked jurisdiction over employment disputes that arise under collective agreements. The motion Judge's decision was upheld by the Court of Appeal of Ontario.
- ▶ **Chelin v Carr** – Counsel to the defendant accounting firm in a claim

alleging negligence and breach of trust against a former partner of the firm.

- **1512-11015 (Re)** – Represented a father and his disabled son on a pro bono basis in an appeal concerning disability support payments from the Government of Ontario. The father was awarded the maximum amount of benefits retroactive to the date of his application. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Deciem Inc v 1127776 Ontario Limited** – Counsel to the plaintiff, Deciem Inc in a commercial lease dispute. The plaintiff was entirely successful on summary judgment and received a significant costs award. The judgment was upheld on appeal. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Top Cases in Commercial Litigation** – Delna Contractor shared her expertise at The Advocates' Society's annual program "Top Cases in Commercial Litigation". Delna spoke about notable commercial decisions and trends from the past year, and their implications.
- **Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the Time of COVID-19: Court Extends Timelines and Grants Relief of Deemed Annulment Threshold under the BIA** – Delna Contractor and Devyn Noonan co-authored the blog *Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the Time of COVID-19: Court Extends Timelines and Grants Relief of Deemed Annulment Threshold under the BIA*, which was published on [commercialist.com](http://commercialist.com).
- **Best Practices for Materials on the Commercial List** – Delna Contractor's blog *Best Practices for Materials on the Commercial List* was published on [commercialist.com](http://commercialist.com).

## SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized as Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 41 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 24 practice areas. The following lawyers have also been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for receiving the highest overall peer-feedback in their practice areas in Toronto.
- **Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence Recognized in 2023 Lexpert Directory** – Following comprehensive peer review surveys and interviews with senior members in the legal profession, the *2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* has recognized 31 of the firm's expert litigators for their experience, knowledge, and precision, with 108 rankings spanning 17 practice areas.
- **Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a "Litigation Powerhouse" in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is once again ranked in Tier 1 for Dispute Resolution by *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized Among the Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 39 of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers for their expertise across 24 practice areas.
- **Costs of Red Hill Judicial Inquiry Continue to Mount** – Eli Lederman and Delna Contractor are mentioned in The Bay Observer article "Costs of Red Hill Judicial Inquiry Continue to Mount" as counsel to the City of Hamilton in the Inquiry.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Two New Partners** – Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to announce that two of our exceptionally strong advocates have been promoted to our partnership. Congratulations, Christopher Yung

and Delna Contractor!

- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Ranked Among Best Lawyers in Canada**  
– In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 37 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 25 practice areas.
- **CLUC welcomes new members** – Delna Contractor is mentioned in the Law Times article "*CLUC welcomes new members*" for her recent appointment to the Commercial List Users' Committee.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Delna Contractor** – Talented lawyers continue to choose Canada's leading litigation firm.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Advocates' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association  
Member-at-Large of the Investment Committee
- Commercial List Users' Committee  
Member
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers  
Advocacy and Policy Committee, Community Outreach Committee
- Osgoode Women's Network  
Mentor
- First Generation Network  
Mentor