



Education

University of Toronto (2023) JD & Certificate in Environmental Studies
University of Toronto (2020) HBSc (High Distinction - Psychology)

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Lauren Cao

LAUREN CAO

is an articling student at Lenczner Slaght.

She recently obtained her JD/Certificate in Environmental Studies from the University of Toronto, where she balanced her legal studies with clinic-volunteering and mooting. She served as a manager for Artists' Legal Advice Services, a clinic that provides free legal assistance to artists across Ontario and volunteered as a caseworker in the Employment and Academic Appeals Division of Downtown Legal Services. Lauren also represented the University of Toronto in the Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot and coached for the Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Law Moot.

Lauren is fluent in English, French, and Mandarin. Prior to law school, she put her language skills to use as a bilingual customer care advisor at Scotiabank and as a hospice volunteer at Hazel Burns Hospice. She obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Toronto. During her undergraduate career, Lauren obtained extensive research experience through three years of employment as a research assistant in a perceptual psychology laboratory.

RECOGNITION

- Innis College Admission Scholarship (2016)
- Innis Exceptional Achievement Award (2018-2019)
- NSERC Undergraduate Research Award (2019)
- Wasser Leadership Award (2020)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **How Sound Influences Gaze When We Watch Movies** – Lauren Cao co-authored the article "How Sound Influences Gaze When We Watch Movies," which was published in Volume 20 of the Journal of Vision.
- **Vision Sciences Society Conference 2020** – Lauren Cao was invited to present at the Vision Sciences Society Conference.

BLOG POSTS

- **The Designated Projects Scheme, Not A Designated Survivor: The Supreme Court Weighs in on the Federal Environmental Assessment Regime** – The complexity of regulating environmental impacts in Canada has proven to be a thorny issue on both constitutional and practical fronts. On the heels of 2021's carbon pricing decision, the

Supreme Court of Canada has again weighed in on how the division of powers can impact environmental regulation. This time, the Court considered the federal environmental assessment regime, ultimately finding that the federal legislation waded too far into provincial waters.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Summer Student Class of 2022 –**
Canada's leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent with the addition of 12 exceptional students.