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is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Sam has experience in a variety of disciplines, including professional liability, construction and commercial matters. She represents large infrastructure constructors and owners, technology companies, banks and regulated professionals.

Sam regularly appears before the Ontario Superior Court. She has represented clients in courts across Canada, as well as before various administrative and regulatory tribunals. She has successfully represented her clients in in-person and virtual motions, mediations, trials and arbitrations.

Sam received her JD from the University of Toronto where she was a member of the Moot Court Committee.

Education

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law
(2021) JD
Queen's University (2018) BSc
(Biochemistry)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2022)

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Construction and Infrastructure
Professional Liability and Regulation

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SELECT CASES

- **Heiltsuk Horizon Maritime Services Ltd v Atlantic Towing Limited** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Canada in respect of a complaint to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal regarding the procurement of emergency towing vessels. Successfully represented the Attorney General in a judicial review application to the Federal Court of Appeal with respect to the remedy.
- **Chapin v Baboolal** – Counsel to defendant physicians in successfully obtaining summary judgment dismissing a 14-year-old action on the basis that there was no genuine issue requiring trial.
- **Anastasiadis v Shopify** – Counsel to Shopify in a wrongful dismissal claim brought by a former employee seeking significant damages, including for restricted share units and stock options.
- **Redline Steel LLC v Shopify Inc** – Counsel to Shopify, a Canadian multinational e-commerce company, defending a USD \$60 million claim with respect to alleged technical issues in various marketing features implemented across Shopify and Meta's storefronts.
- **International Commercial Arbitration** – Counsel to a general contractor in an arbitration relating to the construction of an international airport.
- **VIA Rail Canada Inc v Canadian National Railway Company and Attorney General of Canada** – Counsel to Canadian National Railway Company responding to a judicial review brought by VIA Rail Canada Inc. in the Federal Court of Canada. Successfully brought a motion to strike the judicial review without leave to amend on the basis that CN is not a judicially reviewable decision-maker and the Federal Court did not have jurisdiction over the dispute.

- **Ratz-Cheung v BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc** – Counsel to the defendants, Bank of Montreal, against a former employee in a matter involving damages for breach of contract and wrongful dismissal.
- **K v Dr. AE** – Successful response, on behalf of a physician, in a patient’s appeal to the Ontario Superior Court regarding a Consent and Capacity Board determination of incapacity and renewal of a Community Treatment Order.
- **Lawrence-Mitchell v Dawn Chouinard** – Successful resistance of an appeal before the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Lee-Moodie v Beder** – Successful resistance of an appeal before the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Archer v Sadeghi** – Successful resistance of an appeal before the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Oraha v Shinoff** – Successful resistance of an appeal before the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **VIA Rail Canada Inc v Canadian National Railway Company** – Counsel to Canadian National Railway Company in an application brought by VIA before the Canada Transportation Agency to impose a new contract on CN.
- **JP v Bay** – Successful resistance of an appeal before the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Confidential Arbitration** – Participated in representation of a general contractor in an arbitration relating to a major Ontario transit project.
- **Gaskey v Up in Code Inc** – Counsel to the Plaintiff in the Court of King’s Bench of Alberta in an action for payment of shares pursuant to a breach of a Share Purchase Agreement. Successfully obtained summary judgment in the Plaintiff’s favour on liability, while also successfully resisting the Defendant’s own summary judgment motion to dismiss the action for breach of a Non-Competition Agreement (2025 ABKB 160).
- **Knight v Lawson** – Counsel to the successful Defendant Physician in a trial for an allegedly delayed diagnosis of a ureteric injury.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **An Updated Evidence Cheat Sheet** – In the Spring 2026 issue of The Advocates’ Journal, Monique Jilesen and Sam Hargreaves have updated Justice Perell’s widely used Evidence Cheat Sheet, refreshing citations with more recent case law and sharpening its focus on civil litigation for use in trials, motions, and applications.

BLOG POSTS

- **An Update on the Proposed Changes to Ontario’s Rules of Civil Procedure** – Lenczner Slaght is keeping a close eye on the latest news regarding the proposed civil justice reforms in Ontario. In the past month, the Civil Rules Review Working Group, alongside judges and lawyers with diverse practices, have presented their perspectives on the Phase 2 Consultation Paper. In this blog, we summarize the key takeaways from two significant presentations.
- **High Time for Shorter Trials** – The bench and bar have long recognized that lengthy trials decrease access to justice. That is no surprise: trials are expensive, long trials more so, and lawyers generally think that the longer the trial, the longer it takes to receive a decision.

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.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Our 2021/22 Articling Students** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of seven articling students.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Eight New Summer Students** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to attract top talent with the addition of eight exceptional summer students.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Association of Women in Construction