



Education

University of Windsor (2018)
JD/Masters of Social Work
McGill University (2014) BA
(Canadian Studies, Minor in Political
Science) (Honours)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2019)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Arbitration
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Construction and Infrastructure
Defamation and Media
Professional Liability and Regulation
Product Liability
Public Law

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Samantha Hale

SAMANTHA HALE

is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Sam's litigation practice covers a wide range of areas, including commercial disputes, professional liability and regulation, civil matters, and public litigation.

Prior to rejoining the firm, Sam served as a law clerk to Justice Suzanne Côté at the Supreme Court of Canada. She also completed a clerkship at the Divisional Court and Superior Court of Justice in Toronto, where she assisted judges on a wide variety of administrative appeals, judicial reviews, class actions, civil trials, and commercial matters.

Sam has appeared at all levels of court including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Sam received her law degree from the University of Windsor, where she completed a Masters of Social Work concurrently. Sam excelled academically, graduating as the Gold Medalist and being selected as the Valedictorian of her class. While in law school, Sam worked as a research assistant for multiple professors, served as the Executive Articles Editor for the Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues, and co-founded a student-led initiative discussing access to justice issues.

RECOGNITION

- Gold Medal (2018)
University of Windsor Faculty of Law
- Windsor Law Alumni Award (2023)
Extraordinary Contribution to Windsor Law in Memory of John Mountain '86

SELECT CASES

- **Ontario v Working Families Coalition** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Ontario in a high-profile Supreme Court of Canada appeal addressing the constitutionality of provisions in the Election Finances Act which regulate third-party political advertising expenditures before provincial elections.
- **Ontario H Limited Partnership v 1043303 Ontario Limited and 1785192 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the successful appellants in an appeal concerning the interpretation of option-to-purchase clauses for two commercial properties.
- **Long Lake #58 First Nation v The Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Greenstone Gold Mines GP Inc** – Counsel to Long Lake #58 First Nation in a judicial review of decisions of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans relating to environmental issues and the duty to

consult.

- **Quebec v Senneville** – Counsel to the intervener, Canadian Centre for Child Protection, at the Supreme Court of Canada in a matter that considers the constitutionality of mandatory minimum sentences for offences related to child sexual abuse material.
- **OECTA v Ontario** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Ontario in an appeal regarding the constitutionality of legislation that capped public sector compensation increases. A decision which interprets the scope of the right to freedom of association under section 2(d) of the Charter.
- **Grillo Barristers P.C. v Kagan Law Firm** – Counsel to the successful Defendants and Plaintiffs by Counterclaim on an appeal before the Court of Appeal originating from a registrar's dismissal of a multimillion dollar action alleging breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment.
- **Gopal Bhatnagar et al v Cresco Labs Inc** – Counsel to applicants in a proceeding claiming breach of the duty of good faith in relation to earn-out provisions in a share purchase agreement.
- **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a Judicial Inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway.
- **Bonnick v Crown Crest Capital** – Counsel to an officer and director in connection with a proposed class proceeding relating to sales of HVAC equipment.
- **MediPharm Labs Inc v Hexo Operations Inc** – Counsel for the former director of a cannabis company, defending against allegations of bad faith and breach of fiduciary duty by the purchasers of the company in relation to a \$35 million supply agreement entered into during his directorship.
- **Horizon Maritime Services Ltd / Heiltsuk Horizon Maritime Services Ltd v Department of Public Works and Government Services** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Canada in a successful series of judicial reviews arising from proceedings before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal over a procurement for towing vessels for the Canadian Coast Guard.
- **2041219 Ontario Ltd v Agricorp** – Counsel to the Applicant cattle producer in a judicial review application in respect of claims under a provincial program for livestock administered by the Respondent.
- **Schenk v Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc** – Counsel to Valeant in a breach of contract action in respect of a pharmaceutical product.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **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.

- **A New Handbook for All Litigators** – Jonathan McDaniel and Samantha Hale co-authored the article "A New Handbook for All Litigators", published in The Advocates' Journal. In this article, Jonathan and Samantha review Robert Harrison and Richard Swan's book, *Skillful Witness Examinations in Civil and Arbitration Cases*, exploring witnesses, counsel, documents, and expert reports in the case of *Laveneer Inc v Svengali Ltd*, and providing a new take on a litigator's go-to handbook.
- **Effective Advocacy for the Virtual Hearing** – Brendan F. Morrison and Samantha Hale co-authored an article on their top tips for effective, and efficient, advocacy in the virtual world. The article was published by the ADR Institute of Canada Inc., in its ADR Perspectives newsletter.
- **Windsor Law Orientation Week** – Samantha Hale was invited to deliver the keynote address at Windsor Law's orientation week.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Windsor Law Celebrates Sam Hale for Outstanding Professional Achievement** – Sam Hale is the recipient of the 2023 Alumni Award for Extraordinary Contribution to Windsor Law in Memory of John Mountain '86, who was a dedicated mentor, teacher, benefactor, community leader and fellow alumnus.
- **Welcome Back Sam & Mari** – Both Sam Hale and Mari Galloway have previously summered, articulated, and were associates at the firm. We are thrilled to have them return following their clerkship and pupillage terms, respectively.
- **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

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society