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Lenczner Slaght Gains International Recognition for IP Litigation

Lenczner Slaght has been ranked for intellectual property litigation in the third annual Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Patent 1000 guide to the world's leading patent practitioners.

Two Lenczner Slaght lawyers have been ranked for IP litigation: Marguerite Ethier and Andrew Skodyn.

The IAM Patent 1000 directory ranks IP lawyers worldwide, conducting over 1,500 interviews with attorneys-at-law, patent attorneys, and in-house counsel to gather market intelligence on the leading players in the field. In commenting on Lenczner Slaght's entry into the rankings, the guide notes: "Litigation specialist Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin looks set to make a name for itself in 2014, deploying the full might of its commercial contentious practice in the patent sphere ... without a doubt a first-class firm."

In the individual rankings, Andrew Skodyn is described as "a consummate professional and top-notch litigator". Andrew's practice is focused on patent litigation in the pharmaceuticals and life sciences, manufacturing, agriculture, and oil and gas sectors. The guide notes that Marguerite Ethier "is an extremely clever lawyer – she is one to keep an eye on". Marguerite's practice is focused on IP matters in the life sciences and biotech sector.

Lenczner Slaght has represented clients in IP matters in proceedings before the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Ontario Superior Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal, as well as litigating IP cases in the U.S. The firm regularly represents U.S.-based corporations on the Canadian aspects of disputes that span multiple jurisdictions.

"Recognition of Lenczner Slaght's growing IP practice is very gratifying", says the firm's managing partner, Peter Griffin.

"These cases can be enterprise-threatening. They demand the significant courtroom experience we bring to protect clients and their business strategies. We are pleased that our IP practice is receiving international acclaim."

About IAM Patent 1000

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telephone interviews to evaluate firms and individual lawyers. Individuals qualify for a listing in the *IAM Patent 1000* when they receive sufficient positive feedback from peers and clients with knowledge of their practice and the market within which they operate. Only those individuals identified by market sources for their exceptional skill sets and profound insights into patent matters are featured in the *IAM Patent 1000*.