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Lenczner Slaght's IP Team Receives Worldwide Recognition

Canada's leading litigation firm and all three of its Intellectual Property partners are ranked in the 2018 edition of IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Professionals.

After a comprehensive qualitative research process that included peer and client feedback, Lenczner Slaght is ranked once again in the silver level by IAM Patent 1000. The directory identifies world-class firms and individuals who are deemed outstanding in patent litigation based on their depth of knowledge, market presence and quality of work.

The directory noted that:

> Lenczner Slaght is an "extremely successful" litigation shop that has made "quite a mark" in Canada's IP scene: "The team prepares wholeheartedly for trials, lines up great expert witnesses and has strong advocacy skills." Most notable are its successes in the biologics space, where – working for the likes of Janssen – it has conducted more drug patent trials than any other law firm in the country.

In addition, three of the firm's outstanding leading litigators are recognized:

- Andrew Skodyn (Silver)
- Sana Halwani (Bronze)
- Melanie Baird (Bronze)

Clients and peers had only positive feedback regarding our expert team:

> In recent months [Lenczner Slaght] has undergone some changes, including losing the venerable Marguerite Ethier to retirement, but the firm remains a formidable force with **Andrew Skodyn** taking over the wheel. "He's a superb patent litigator with a sharp eye for detail and impressive trial craft. His ability to connect with a court using humour and dry wit is very rare. Clients also appreciate the fact that he doesn't swamp in-house counsel with superfluous information or requests." He works alongside **Sana Halwani**, who brought extensive cross-border experience

to the practice when she joined in March 2017. “Her knowledge of patent law is faultless, as are the arguments she comes up with.” **Melanie Baird** is also in high demand thanks to a diverse skill set that encompasses commercial, regulatory and IP law. “She’s thorough and responsive to clients’ requests and wishes.” These three partners gel extremely well, which suggests that the practice’s future will be as bright as its past.

Congratulations to the team!

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