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# Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a “Litigation Powerhouse” in Legal 500 Canada

Canada’s leading litigation firm is once again ranked in Tier 1 for Dispute Resolution by *Legal 500 Canada*.

The firm also continues to be ranked in Insurance, Intellectual Property, Labour and Employment, and Restructuring and Insolvency for its knowledge and expertise. The rankings are a result of comprehensive research, client feedback, and interviews with leading lawyers in the industry.

## Dispute Resolution

### Hall of Fame

- Peter Griffin

### Leading Lawyers

- Matthew B. Lerner
- Monique Jilesen
- Tom Curry

### Next Generation Partner

- Brian Kolenda

### Rising Star

- Margaret Robbins

### Recommended Lawyer

- Eli Lederman
- Christopher Yung

Legal 500 had this to say about our expert litigators:

Lenczner Slaght, one of the market’s standout boutiques, operates at the forefront of business-related disputes, routinely appearing at all levels of court and regularly acting on matters with a multijurisdictional element. Eli Lederman co-leads the team alongside Monique Jilesen, a specialist in class action, contract, shareholder

and derivatives disputes; the pair are supported by corporate and commercial litigation star, Brian Kolenda, as well as managing partner Tom Curry who thrives on business, administrative proceeding, IP and professional liability disputes, in addition to judicial reviews. Brian Kolenda is a more junior partner who counts professional negligence, defamation and civil fraud proceedings among his core strengths.

## **Insurance**

### **Leading Lawyer**

- Nina Bombier

### **Recommended Lawyer**

- Mark Veneziano

Toronto litigation powerhouse Lenczner Slaght is a popular choice for complex and strategic insurance disputes. The group is equipped to handle the full range of policy, coverage, and defence matters and routinely acts both for and against insurers and reinsurers. Department head Nina Bombier is recommended for her record in coverage disputes, including large environmental contamination cases. Mark Veneziano's litigation practice also has a significant insurance dimension. Glenn Smith retired from the firm in January 2022.

## **Intellectual Property**

### **Leading Lawyer**

- Sana Halwani

### **Recommended Lawyer**

- Andrew Moeser
- Jordana Sanft
- Cynthia L. Tape

A leading disputes boutique in Toronto, Lenczner Slaght is routinely involved in patent, copyright and trademark disputes before the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Ontario Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Canada. Sana Halwani leads the practice, catering to a broad client roster of pharmaceutical, IT, biotechnology, gas, software, media, generic drug and

telecommunications companies; her team was recently bolstered by the December 2021 arrival of Jordana Sanft, a patent and trademark disputes expert with an in-depth knowledge of the life sciences and pharmaceutical industries, who arrived from Norton Rose Fulbright.

## **Labour and Employment**

### **Recommended Lawyer**

- Matthew Sammon
- Aoife Quinn
- David Salter

Litigation powerhouse Lenczner Slaght specializes in complex employment law disputes, in line with its firm-wide strength. The team, which acts for small tech start-ups through to multinational financial institutions, also advises on employment strategy and policies. Matthew Sammon fronts the practice and brings to bear strong experience in contentious employment matters, including wrongful dismissal and the misappropriation of trade secrets.

## **Insolvency and Restructuring**

### **Recommended Lawyer**

- Delna Contractor
- Christopher Yung
- Matthew B. Lerner
- Monique Jilesen

Lenczner Slaght fields a dedicated restructuring and insolvency team, with a wealth of litigation expertise. Its wide scope of knowledge benefits clients seeking advice on bankruptcies, creditors' rights and receiverships. Both Matthew Lerner and Monique Jilesen lead the practice from Toronto. Delna Contractor and Christopher Yung were both promoted to partner in January 2022.

## **About Legal 500**

The Legal 500 rankings are based on a series of criteria that recognize the practice area teams who provide the most cutting edge and innovative advice to corporate counsel. The research is based on feedback from 300,000 clients worldwide, submissions from law firms and interviews with leading private practice lawyers, and a team of researchers who have unrivalled experience in the legal market.