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Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Six New Associates

Canada's leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of six exceptional associates.

Lenczner Slaght is delighted to welcome Drew Black, Katrina Dods, Efua Gyan, Angela Hou, Arash Nayerahmadi, and Jenna Rumeo as our newest associates.

"Welcome all! I am excited to see the familiar faces of our newest first year colleagues who return to us after the completion of their articles and Call to the Bar. I am also very pleased to welcome Arash to our team," says Managing Partner, Tom Curry. "Each brings a passion for advocacy, a commitment to teamwork and a strong work ethic. We are looking forward to seeing them in action!"

Drew Black's developing practice includes complex commercial litigation, construction, and professional liability cases. Drew completed his JD at the Dalhousie Schulich School of Law in Spring of 2020. While at law school, Drew worked full time at the Legal Aid Clinic in the Fall of 2019 as part of the Dalhousie clinical law program and represented clients in court on a variety of matters. His experience at the clinic played a key role in honing his ability to take complicated legal issues, make them accessible for his clients, and provide clear and easily understandable advice.

Katrina Dods completed her JD at Queen's Law. Katrina is passionate about advocacy and was deeply committed to the law school's moot program. Katrina was a coach for the Laskin Moot team, and member of the Wilson Moot team that was awarded third place team and second place facta. She facilitated the competitive moot program at Queen's Law as a moot court committee member and also coordinated the only competitive moot at Queen's for 1Ls. As a decorated mooter and coach, former competitive debater, and longtime hockey fan, Katrina understands what it takes to be part of an effective legal team.

Efua Gyan's developing litigation practice spans a broad range of areas including commercial litigation, public law and professional liability matters. Efua completed her JD at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she volunteered in the Criminal Law Division of the legal clinic, was an executive member of the Osgoode Health Law Association and attended

the Anishinaabe Law Camp. She also participated in the Lerner's Cup Moot and received the award for distinguished oralist. In her second year, Efua enrolled in the International and Transnational Legal Intensive Program at Osgoode and completed a three-month placement at the UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals in Arusha, Tanzania.

Angela Hou's developing litigation practice encompasses professional liability and public law matters, class actions, and employment disputes. Angela graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. She received the H. Carl Goldenberg Award in Labour Law and University of Toronto Student Leadership Award (the Gordon Cressy Award) for her commitment and service to the Faculty of Law. While in law school, Angela was a caseworker at Advocates for Injured Workers, where she represented clients before the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.

Arash Nayerahmadi has a developing litigation practice focused on complex commercial disputes and professional liability. Prior to joining the firm, Arash served as a judicial law clerk to the judges of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto, including the Commercial List. Arash graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, where he served as the Executive Editor of the Osgoode Hall Law Journal and volunteered at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association through Pro-Bono Students Canada. Before starting his career in law, Arash was an associate in the financial audit group at a multinational professional services firm and worked as a management consultant at a top Toronto firm.

Jenna Rumeo has a broad litigation practice which includes complex commercial cases, regulatory proceedings, and professional negligence matters. Jenna completed her JD at Queen's University and received the 2019 Queen's Law Prize for highest standing in International Criminal Law. While in law school, Jenna worked as a student caseworker at the Prison Law Clinic, where she represented inmates at a federal institution's disciplinary tribunal and assisted with constitutional challenges. She was also a managing editor of the Queen's Law Journal, co-president of Queen's Women & Law, and a member of the Queen's 2020 Wilson Moot team which received the third place Facta Award.