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Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Three New Associates

Canada's leading litigation practice grows to 52 lawyers with newest additions.

Lenczner Slaght, the Toronto-based law firm that focuses exclusively on litigation, has added three new associates with growing practices in the areas of professional liability, intellectual property and commercial litigation. All three were summer students and spent their articling year with the firm, working alongside senior lawyers and gaining the firsthand courtroom experience that is a Lenczner Slaght hallmark.

Vanessa Park-Thompson has broad litigation experience in professional liability, health law and commercial disputes, with a particular focus in intellectual property – including the *Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations* and other trademark and copyright matters. As a student at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Vanessa won recognition in several moot competitions. Previously, she worked in neuroscience laboratories in Canada and France, and had research published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

Constanza Pauchulo has a developing litigation practice that includes professional liability cases, class actions and commercial disputes. In addition to gaining litigation experience at the firm, Connie spent part of her articling year seconded to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). While at Osgoode Hall Law School, she participated in the Poverty Law Intensive Program, working with immigrants and refugees in the Parkdale community, and also spent a summer in the Philippines assisting a non-government organization in the area of child protection law.

Katie Pentney has experience in a range of commercial litigation areas, as well as matters of professional liability, including disciplinary prosecutions and medical malpractice. Katie represented Osgoode Hall Law School at the Baby Jessup International Law Moot in the U.S. and took part in several other moot court competitions. She also participated in an intensive program with the Social Assistance, Violence and Health Division of Parkdale Community Legal Services, appearing before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

"It is a pleasure to formally welcome these talented associates to Lenczner Slaght," said Peter Griffin, the firm's managing partner. "Over the past year we have watched them broaden their litigation experience while polishing their considerable skills. Our clients have already benefited from their intelligence, energy and focus. That positive impact will only grow as these young lawyers carry on the Lenczner Slaght commitment to the best of advocacy on behalf of our clients."