



Education

University of Toronto Faculty of Law
(2020) JD
Dalhousie University (2017) BA
(Combined Honours – International
Development Studies and Political
Science)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2021)

Practice Areas

Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Employment
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law

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Angela Hou

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is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Angela summered and articulated at the firm, where she gained experience in 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. 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.

Angela's commitment to oral advocacy runs deep. She represented the University of Toronto in the 2019 Julius Alexander Isaac Moot, with her team placing second overall. She returned to coach the Isaac Moot the following year.

Angela is from Vancouver, British Columbia and moved to the East Coast to complete her undergraduate degree in International Development Studies and Political Science at Dalhousie University. While at Dalhousie, she served on the Senate Discipline Committee, where she adjudicated academic and Code of Conduct offences.

SELECT CASES

- **Larsen v ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp** – Counsel to an automotive parts manufacturer in a proposed class action relating to allegedly defective airbag control units. Certification was dismissed.
- **Owala v Makary** – Counsel to several defendant physicians in connection with a medical negligence action after a woman died from an aortic dissection. Successfully defended the action through a 10-week trial.
- **HMQ (Canada) v Canadian Transit Company** – Counsel to the Government of Canada in relation to litigation relating to the Detroit/Windsor transportation corridor and the new DRIC Bridge.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **The Coles Notes on Coles: Product Recalls Can Defeat Certification** – Jonathan Chen and Angela Hou co-authored an article on the decision in *Coles v FCA Canada Inc.*, a case which further highlights the effectiveness of a thoughtful recall program initiated by the manufacturer

at defeating certification. The article was published by The Lawyer's Daily.

- **The Hamish Stewart Cup** – Angela Hou appeared as a judge at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law's Hamish Stewart Cup, a criminal-constitutional moot for first-year students.
- **Student and Recent Calls** – Angela Hou organized and moderated GROWL's Student and Recent Calls event. The panel discussed their experiences and advice for new and aspiring racialized women litigators.
- **The Canadian Class Action Review** – Paul-Erik Veel, Adil Abdulla, and Angela Hou co-authored the article *The Limits of Case Management: A Review and Principled Approach to the Court's General Management Powers*, which was published in Volume 16, No. 2 of The Canadian Class Action Review.
- **Journal of Law & Equality** – Angela Hou was co-Editor in Chief of the Journal of Law & Equality, Vol. 16 No. 1 (2020).

BLOG POSTS

- **Recall Remedy Once Again Preferable to Class Action** – History has shown that recalls for product defects are often followed by a proposed class action lawsuit. While many products cases in that context have been certified, we have now seen certification of proposed class actions being denied on the basis that there is already an effective recall campaign in place. We have seen this in *Maginnis and Magnaye v FCA Canada et al* and *Richardson v Samsung*.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Six New Associates** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to strengthen its talent pool with the addition of six exceptional associates.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers