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KATELYN LEONARD

is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Katelyn maintains a broad practice, with experience in complex commercial disputes, class actions, administrative proceedings, appeals, and competition, intellectual property, and securities litigation.

Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght, Katelyn practiced at a large national firm, where she represented clients in civil and regulatory proceedings. She specialized in competition law, foreign investment, and intellectual property litigation, while also maintaining a broad civil litigation practice. She also worked on Supreme Court of Canada appeals and an intervention in the areas of competition law and copyright.

Katelyn completed her law degree at Western University where she competed in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, worked as a research assistant in international criminal law, co-chaired the Western Law advocacy committee, and advised small businesses as a case manager with the Western Business Law Clinic. She also completed an internship with Global Affairs Canada, at Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Prior to attending law school, Katelyn had a successful career with the Ontario Public Service, principally the Ministry of the Attorney General. She developed business and organizational strategies to ensure the success of large-scale and transformational change initiatives, primarily focused on improving the efficacy of the criminal justice system. Katelyn provided strategic advice, as well as research and drafting support, to the Bail Experts Table, an Attorney General-appointed group of experts tasked with developing recommendations to improve the functioning of bail courts across Ontario.

Katelyn participates in pro bono programs through Pro Bono Ontario. She sits on both the University of Toronto Woodsworth College Alumni Association board of directors and the Woodsworth College Council. Katelyn also mentors several law students and aspiring law students.

Education

Western University (2019) JD
University of Toronto (2011) BA

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2020)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Competition and Antitrust
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law
Securities Litigation

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RECOGNITION

- **Arbor Award (2023)**
University of Toronto

SELECT CASES

- **Dramel Limited v Multani** – Counsel to the successful mortgage lender in a motion to lift an interim stay of enforcement obtained by the borrowers. As well, in a series of court decisions confirming the validity of the mortgage agreements and the enforceability of a significant commercial mortgage subject to a forbearance agreement.
- **Bilak et al v The Attorney General of Canada** – Application for Judicial Review challenging the decision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada to exempt turbines for the NordStream pipeline from Canada's sanctions regime against Russia enacted following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Minister's exemption was cancelled following the commencement of the Judicial Review application.

BLOG POSTS

- **Is Increased Enforcement of the Competition Act Coming?** – On February 8, 2022, the Competition Bureau released several recommendations for amending the *Competition Act* in its response to Senator Wetston's call for submissions on Canada's competition policy framework. The paper, entitled "Examining the Canadian *Competition Act* in the Digital Era", identifies areas that the Competition Bureau believes are ripe for modernization. The paper, and Senator Wetston's request for submissions, occur during a time when the federal government has indicated an openness to amending the *Competition Act*. While nothing in the Bureau's submission has the force of law, the Bureau's views on these matters will undoubtedly be taken very seriously, and some of the amendments the government is already considering mirror those in the Bureau's submission. Consequently, the Bureau's paper provides insight into the future direction of competition law in Canada.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Ukraine World Congress Asks Federal Court of Canada to Stop Return of Turbines to Russia** – In this Canadian Lawyer article, Monique Jilesen and Katelyn Leonard further discuss the application made on behalf of the Ukrainian World Congress which fights a waiver to allow a gas turbine to be returned to Russia.
- **Lenczner Slaght Represents Ukrainian World Congress in Significant Judicial Review Application** – Today, our expert litigators, Monique Jilesen and Katelyn Leonard, supported by Scott Rollwagen, have issued a notice of application for judicial review on behalf of the Ukrainian World Congress, an international non-governmental organization representing the interests of Ukrainians worldwide, as well as Daniel Bilak, a Canadian citizen and resident of Ukraine.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Katelyn Leonard** – Canada's leading litigation firm continues to add to its bench strength with the addition of a new associate.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association