



Lauren Mills Taylor

LAUREN MILLS TAYLOR

is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Lauren's practice encompasses professional liability, commercial litigation, class actions, defamation, public and administrative law, and appeals.

Prior to joining the firm, Lauren worked as an associate at a top litigation boutique in Toronto, specializing in civil litigation, class actions, professional liability, and criminal appeals. As a summer and articling student at a full-service firm in Calgary, Lauren worked in the areas of commercial litigation and arbitration, construction, and securities litigation. Lauren also clerked at the Alberta Court of Appeal for Justice Marina Paperny and at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Malcom Rowe.

Lauren received her JD from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, where she was awarded the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Scholarship. Lauren spent a semester working at the Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, assisting low-income clients with family, criminal and administrative law matters, and a summer working at the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, where she focused on public interest litigation. While at law school, Lauren was a peer mentor and sat on the Law Student Society's Wellness Committee. She also co-founded and sang in the law school's music society, the Acapellants.

Before law school, Lauren worked in the non-profit sector in Canada and in East Africa. Lauren grew up in Calgary but has since lived and worked in four provinces and on three continents, solidifying her love of travel.

Education

Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (2016) JD
Canadian Securities Course (2014)
(with distinction)
London School of Economics (2011)
MSc (Development Studies)
University of British Columbia (2010)
BA (International Relations, minor in Economics)

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2018)
Alberta (2017)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Defamation and Media
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law

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RECOGNITION

- Robert E. Bamford Memorial Prize (2016)
Schulich School of Law, for combining academic excellence with commitment to the law school community.
- Ernest MacArthur Memorial Award in Law (2016)
Schulich School of Law, for obtaining the highest standing in the graduating class among students who completed term at the Dalhousie Legal Aid Clinical Law Program.
- Gerald N. Savory Prize in International Relations (2010)
University of British Columbia, for finishing as the outstanding graduating major in the International Relations Program.

- **Best Lawyers in Canada (2024)**
Ones to Watch – Administrative & Public Law

SELECT CASES

- **R v Litt** – Successfully appealed a criminal conviction (new trial ordered) where the Crown’s boot print expert changed her evidence after trial upon receipt of a defence expert report. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Public Interest Class Action** – Co-counsel for the plaintiffs in a class action brought on behalf of immigration detainees held on lockdown in Ontario provincial correctional facilities. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Public Interest Litigation** – Counsel to a group of families with adult autistic children seeking to challenge Ontario’s decision to cut the funding of necessary therapies. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Regulatory Litigation in the Agricultural Sector** – Counsel to an agricultural/food processor in an appeal before the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal, resulting from fines and penalties imposed by a supplier. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Securities Class Action** – Co-counsel for the plaintiff shareholders in relation to class action litigation against a major Canadian cannabis company. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Internal Investigation** – Counsel to a large international professional services firm responding to allegations made by a whistleblower relating to issues with internal records-keeping. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Police Misconduct Litigation** – Successfully represented two Black individuals wrongfully treated by police. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Sexual Tort Litigation** – Successfully defended a woman sued by her ex-partner for an alleged sexual tort in an abuse of process following their separation. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Supreme Court of Canada Intervention** – Counsel to the Criminal Lawyers’ Association in an appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada involving the appropriate scope of cross-examination in a sexual assault trial. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Defamation Litigation** – Counsel to an individual defamed in a blog post and on YouTube. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Lawyers’ Liability Litigation** – Counsel to two lawyers whose former clients made allegations of ineffective representation as the basis for an appeal of an unsuccessful summary judgment motion. An intervention in the appeal was successful and the Court of Appeal found that the lawyers’ work was not ineffective. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Professional Discipline Litigation** – Counsel to a physician in a six-week disciplinary hearing before the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons relating to allegations of professional misconduct. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Yearbook of International Environmental Law** – Lauren Mills Taylor co-authored the Canadian submission to the 2018 Yearbook of International Environmental Law. The article reviews recent developments in climate change-related litigation and policy in Canada. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

BLOG POSTS

- **Virtual Advocacy: Views from the Bench** – On April 29, 2021, Canadian Lawyer held the webinar titled “Virtual Advocacy: Views from the Bench”. Justices Kathryn N. Feldman (Ontario Court of Appeal), David M. Masuhara (British Columbia Supreme Court), and Roger R. Lafrenière (Federal Court) joined Mediator and Arbitrator, Robin Dodokin, to share their views on how advocates can succeed and adapt in virtual proceedings. As lockdowns remain in place across the country, their advice was timely and valuable.
- **The SCC Leave Project: Predictions for April 29, 2021** – Here’s a look at the leave application decisions that the Supreme Court of Canada will be releasing on April 29, 2021.
- **Moving the Goalposts for Alberta’s Oil & Gas Industry** – Lauren Mills Taylor co-authored the article *Moving the Goalposts for Alberta’s Oil and Gas Industry* which appeared on *Financier Worldwide*. The article discusses the difficulties faced by the industry due to changes made by the Alberta Energy Regulator to its licensee liability rating program, as well as the *Redwater* decision. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Abbotsford trial comes to a close** – Lauren Mills Taylor co-authored a review of the BCCLA’s intervention in a trial challenging the constitutionality of by-laws enacted by the City of Abbotsford. The city sought to prevent homeless individuals from sleeping or erecting shelters in public spaces. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **Fenced-in: Don’t be “Buffaloed” When Registering Caveats and Arguing Land Titles Fraud** – Lauren Mills Taylor authored a piece summarizing a decision of the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench relating to the breach of a conservation easement and a claim of land titles fraud made by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized as Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 41 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 24 practice areas. The following lawyers have also been recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” for receiving the highest overall peer-feedback in their practice areas in Toronto.
- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Lauren Mills Taylor** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to add to its depth of experience and knowledge.
- **Four recent alumni share their career paths, so far** – Lauren Mills Taylor was interviewed by *Hearsay* magazine for the 2020 issue of the alumni publication of the Schulich School of Law. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*
- **KUDOS! Students and grads to clerk for the Supreme Court of Canada** – Lauren Mills Taylor was featured on the website of the Schulich School of Law as one of five current or former students who secured a clerkship at the Supreme Court of Canada. *(Prior to joining Lenczner Slaght)*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Advocates' Society
- Ontario Bar Association