



# Matthew Sammon

**MATTHEW SAMMON** is a partner at Lenczner Slaght.

"Matt Sammon is a warrior of a litigator. He is fearless and takes on strong cases." — *Chambers Canada*

Recognized as a leading and formidable trial counsel, Matthew has extensive litigation experience across a broad range of areas, including complex corporate and commercial litigation, professional liability and medical malpractice, and employment cases.

After 20 years of practice at Lenczner Slaght, Matthew is now one of the most experienced civil trial lawyers of his generation, having conducted trials, applications, and arbitrations in myriad areas, including infrastructure and construction, complex commercial proceedings, insurance, medical litigation, professional liability, and employment disputes.

Matthew's experience as lead counsel for constructors in complex infrastructure and construction disputes in Ontario and other jurisdictions has earned him recognition as one of Canada's leading infrastructure lawyers.

His roster of clients has included large and mid-sized corporations across a wide range of sectors, including construction, financial services, insurance, banking, telecommunications, retail, health care, manufacturing, hospitality, and oil and gas. He also acts regularly for executives and other individuals in civil and regulatory disputes.

Matthew also has deep experience in professional regulation and medical malpractice litigation, appearing regularly as lead counsel in complex medical litigation and regulatory proceedings.

## Education

University of Toronto (2001) JD  
(Honours Standing)  
University of Toronto (1998) MA  
Carleton University (1997) BA  
(Highest Honours)

## Bar Admissions

Ontario (2002)

## Practice Areas

Appeals  
Arbitration  
Class Actions  
Commercial Litigation  
Construction and Infrastructure  
Defamation and Media  
Employment  
Trusts and Estates Litigation  
Insurance  
Professional Liability and Regulation

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## RECOGNITION

- Benchmark Canada (2015-2023)  
Litigation Star – Commercial, Professional Liability
- Benchmark Canada (2019)  
Labour Employment Attorney of the Year
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2014-2024)  
Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Labour & Employment Law, Medical Negligence
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2022)  
Toronto "Lawyer of the Year" in Medical Negligence
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2013-2024)  
Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Medical Negligence, Professional Liability,



- Litigation - Defamation & Media (2021), Employment Law (Employer) (2021)
- **Chambers Canada (2020-2024)**  
Construction; Employment & Labour: Non-Unionised Employees; Healthcare: Contentious (Nationwide – Canada)
- **Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada (2014-2017)**  
Corporate Commercial Litigation, Litigation Lawyer to Watch (2014)
- **Lexpert Rising Stars (2013)**  
Leading Lawyers Under 40
- **Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Health Sciences Lawyers (2021)**
- **Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers (2020-2023)**
- **Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers (2016-2017, 2020-2023)**
- **The Legal 500 Canada (2018-2023)**  
Labour and Employment (Recommended Lawyer)
- **Who's Who Legal: Litigation (2018-2019)**  
Future Leader
- **Who's Who Legal: Canada (2023)**  
Litigation (Future Leader)

## SELECT CASES

- **Mitra v Royal Bank of Canada et al** – Counsel to RBC in this \$10 million wrongful dismissal claim. After a three-week trial, the Court held that RBC had just cause to dismiss the plaintiff without notice. Reported at 2024 ONSC 636.
- **Ratz-Cheung v BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc** – Counsel to the defendants, Bank of Montreal, against a former employee in a matter involving damages for breach of contract and wrongful dismissal.
- **Commercial Arbitration** – Counsel to a property development company in a dispute regarding the sale of a partnership interest.
- **Costco Wholesale Corporation v TicketOps Corporation** – Counsel to the applicant in a successful application to have American arbitral awards and court judgments recognized and enforced in Ontario.
- **Crosslinx Transit Solutions Constructors** – Counsel to consortium of construction companies building Eglinton Crosstown Light Rapid Transit line.
- **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario v Cheng** – Counsel to the Defendant Physician in successfully defeating claims of sexual abuse of a patient at a trial before a panel of the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal.
- **Assurant Life of Canada ats GFD** – Counsel to the successful Respondent corporation in a breach of contract dispute concerning an alleged amendment to a contract.
- **Zimmerman v McNaull** – Counsel to Respondent Physicians in a successful interlocutory motion, seeking a declaration that the Plaintiffs had impliedly waived privilege over information upon which they relied for their motion to add the Respondent Physicians to the Plaintiffs' action after the presumptive expiry of the limitation period.
- **Crosslinx v Metrolinx** – Counsel to Crosslinx Transit Solutions Constructors in an application against Metrolinx and Ontario Infrastructure (HMQE) in relation to HMQE's failure to declare an emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Crosslinx is a design

and construction consortium established to deliver and maintain the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, the second largest Canadian transit infrastructure project. We successfully resisted a motion to stay and succeeded entirely on the application to obtain contractual relief due to the pandemic. This is notable as it may have broader implications for other P3 Projects across the province of Ontario.

- **Construction Arbitration** – Counsel to a general contractor in respect of a complex mediation/prospective arbitration process regarding a subway extension project.
- **Zanardo v Di Battista** – Counsel to the applicant Estate Trustee in a successful oppression application, and on appeal. The application judge ordered the wind up of the respondent corporation, based on grave breaches of fiduciary duties by the personal respondents, including the usurpation of a significant real estate opportunity. The divisional court affirmed the application judge's remedy and findings.
- **Construction Dispute** – Counsel to a general contractor in a dispute with a design subcontractor on a very large transit project regarding design deficiencies and payment for design changes that have arisen over the course of construction.
- **Aecon Mining Construction Services v K+S Potash Canada GP** – Counsel to Aecon in complex litigation involving multiple parties and claims, in respect of the Legacy potash mine and production facility in Saskatchewan.
- **Bourque v Cineflix** – Counsel to Cineflix and related entities in a proposed class action relating to the alleged misclassification of independent contractors in the television production industry.
- **Rutman v Rabinowitz** – Counsel to the respondent on an appeal in a seminal internet defamation case. The Court of Appeal for Ontario clarified the law of concerted action liability and upheld a very large damages awards for what it characterized as a prolonged, persistent and vicious internet campaign.
- **Breton v Fairley** – Counsel to the defendant physician in a medical negligence trial relating to the performance of a laparoscopy and vaginal resection.
- **Estate Trustee During Litigation for the Estate of Paul Penna v Landen** – Counsel to Estate Trustee During Litigation of the Paul Penna Estate in a series of proceedings, including two appeals to the Ontario Court of Appeal and...
- **Die-Mold Tool Ltd v McKenzie** – Counsel to a corporate plaintiff in a complex series of disputes involving the alleged oppressive conduct of a departing executive.
- **Sazant v College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario** – Counsel to intervener physicians in a constitutional challenge to a provision of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.
- **Cytrynbaum v Look** – Counsel to defendants/applicants, Michael Cytrynbaum and First Fiscal Management Ltd., in an application, and on appeal, for advancement of legal expenses...
- **Thompson v Sehgal** – Counsel to the defendants physicians in a medical negligence proceeding, including on a motion for summary judgment on the basis that the limitation...
- **Rowley v High Strength Plates & Profiles Inc** – Counsel to the defendant in a wrongful dismissal proceeding. The defendant was successful in resisting plaintiff's allegations of constructive dismissal...
- **Re Cal Jet Performance Inc** – Counsel for the respondent in a

bankruptcy proceeding regarding sections 37 and 38 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

- **Davies v Satellite Radio Inc** – Counsel for the plaintiff in a constructive dismissal trial.
- **Mackie Research Capital Corporation v Mackie** – Counsel for the plaintiffs in a dispute relating to the departure of investment advisors. The defendants were alleged to be in breach of their...
- **Bikur Cholim Jewish Volunteer Services v Langston** – Counsel in an appeal addressing complex limitation issues in an estate proceeding.
- **Bourque v St Joseph Health Centre** – Counsel for the successful defendant physicians in the trial of a medical malpractice matter relating to injuries alleged suffered during surgery.
- **McKee v Health Professions Appeal and Review Board** – Counsel to a physician on a successful judicial review application to quash the decision of the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.
- **Gratzki v Estate of Clark** – Counsel for the defendant estate in a medical malpractice case. Action dismissed without costs on consent after four days of trial.
- **Kelly v Ontario** – Counsel for a physician in disciplinary proceedings. Included an application for various relief on constitutional grounds and a constitutional...
- **Road Trailer Rentals Inc v Robinson** – Counsel to a defendant in an employment matter. Successfully opposed a motion for an interlocutory injunction.
- **Dufour v Kim** – Counsel for the successful defendant in a medical negligence jury trial.
- **Diaczuk v Holloway** – Counsel to the defendant physician in a medical malpractice case relating to an injury sustained during the delivery of a baby. Successful in defending...
- **Meady v Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp** – Counsel for a physician in an action relating to a bus crash that had occurred as a result of conduct of a patient. Successful in opposing a motion...
- **Re 1231640 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to a creditor in complex insolvency/receivership matter regarding the priority of secured creditors' interests.
- **Dodd v RBC Dominion Securities Inc** – Counsel for the defendants in a trial regarding an alleged negligent misrepresentation with respect to a commercial venture. Successful in defending...
- **Katzman v Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario** – Counsel on a successful motion by the defendant to determine questions of law and strike out portions of the plaintiff's claim on the basis of absolute...
- **Wadsworth v RBC Dominion Securities** – Counsel to the defendants on a successful motion for summary judgment in an employment matter. Counsel for the respondent on appeal.
- **Giroux Estate v Trillium Health Centre** – Counsel to a physician in a medical negligence action, which included an appeal dealing the doctrine of fraudulent concealment and the limitation period...
- **Blanchard v Sherstan** – Counsel for the successful defendant in a medical malpractice case.
- **Operation 1 Inc v Phillips** – Counsel to a defendant in an action relating to the exercise of a power of sale on a mortgage. Successful motion to set aside Anton Piller and...
- **Joseph v Lefavre Investments (Ottawa) Ltd** – Counsel to the

defendant in a class on a motion to transfer a class proceeding to a different venue.

- **Reid v Livingstone** – Counsel to defendant physicians in a medical malpractice action relating to management of pain during labour and delivery. Successful motion for summary...
- **Ng v Richmond York Developments** – Counsel to the plaintiff in a real estate dispute. Successfully moved to register a certificate of pending litigation.
- **McPherson v Scully** – Counsel to the successful plaintiff in a trial relating to a breach of contract regarding the construction of nursing homes in Ontario.
- **Canada (Information Commissioner) v Canada (Minister of the Environment)** – Counsel to Ethyl Canada in an appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal regarding the interpretation of the Access to Information Act and cabinet document...
- **Re PSINet Ltd** – Counsel to a US parent company in cross-border insolvency proceedings respecting priority of the parent's inter-company claim/re-registration of lapsed...
- **Tzembelicos v Tzembelicos** – Counsel in an application for partition and sale of partnership property and a counter-application for a winding-up or for an auction and appraisal...
- **1098748 Ontario Ltd v Loblaws Inc** – Counsel in an appeal regarding the interpretation of a commercial lease.
- **Commercial Arbitration** – Counsel to a successful employer respondent in a breach of contract dispute.

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Civility in a Post-Pandemic Era** – Matthew Sammon presented at The Advocates' Society's program *Civility in a Post-Pandemic Era* on the panel "Litigator v. The Courtroom: Scenarios for Discussion".
- **Your First Civil Trial** – Matthew Sammon spoke at the OBA's Young Lawyers Division program *Your First Civil Trial*. He shared his expertise on the panel "Top 10 Trial Mistakes and How to Avoid Them".
- **Defamation in the Social Media Sphere** – Matthew Sammon spoke at the Ontario Bar Association's program *Social Media and Internet Law: Your Comprehensive Guide*. He shared his expert insight on the social media landscape and how to keep pace with this evolving area of the law.
- **Beyond Contractual Borders: Managing the Recruitment and Departure of Senior Executives and Employees** – Matthew Sammon and Risa Kirshblum spoke at the 2018 National Conference & World Summit. This panel of employment litigators and experienced in-house counsel shared practical tips on topics including non-competition and non-solicitation provisions, confidentiality obligations, employees' duties to former employers and steps to respond to and manage improper departures.
- **When Family Law Collides: Essential Interdisciplinary Issues** – Matthew Sammon was a faculty member at the 2018 Ontario Bar Association's Institute. He shared his valuable insight on the panel "Closely-Held Corporations: Dealing with Oppression."
- **36th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Lawrence Thacker, Risa Kirshblum, Monique Jilesen, Eli Lederman, Matthew Sammon, Rebecca Jones, Jaan Lilles and Dena Varah were among the

distinguished...

- **Managing Employment Law Issues in the Digital Age** – Matthew Sammon co-chaired the OsgoodePD program Managing Employment Law Issues in the Digital Age on April 20, 2015, in which Jaan Lilles...
- **Practical Tools to Reduce your Organization's Risk with Social Media Use** – Matthew Sammon, Jaan Lilles and Dena Varah conducted a webinar as part of the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association/Canadian Bar Association's Webinar Series on October 17, 2014 from 12:00pm to 1:30 pm.
- **10th Annual Update on Personal Injury Law and Practice** – Matthew Sammon spoke at OsgoodePD's 10th Annual Update on Personal Injury Law and Practice.
- **The future of unconventional restrictive covenants** – Matthew Sammon's article The future of unconventional restrictive covenants appeared in the July 11, 2014 issue of the Lawyers Weekly."The recent case...
- **35th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Lawrence Thacker, Risa Kirshblum, Monique Jilesen, Eli Lederman, Matthew Sammon, Rebecca Jones, Jaan Lilles and Dena Varah were among the distinguished...
- **Social Media and Internet Law - Forms and Precedents** – Matthew Sammon co-authored a chapter published in *Social Media and Internet Law*.
- **Employer Obligation to Regulate Social Media Usage** – Matthew Sammon presented on the topic at the Practical Tools to Reduce Your Company's Risk With Social Media seminar held on March 25, 2014.
- **Practical Tools to Reduce Your Company's Risk With Social Media** – Seminar Date Tuesday, March 25, 2014 Time 7:30 am - 8:00 am: Registration and Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:00 am: Presentation and Discussion Location L...
- **Techniques and strategies for effective motion practice** – Matthew Sammon presented at The Advocates' Society Marshalling the Evidence Court House Series on February 13, 20, & 27, 2014. ...
- **Anton Piller Orders in the Electronic Age: Normative and Practical Considerations** – Matthew Sammon's article appeared in the Annual Review of Civil Litigation, December 20, 2013.
- **Prosecuting and Defending Professional Discipline Cases** – Matthew Sammon is a panel member on preparing for a hearing in the Osgoode Short Course on prosecuting and defending professional discipline cases on January 30, 2013.
- **Defamation in Social Media and Employment** – Matthew Sammon presented at the 2012 HRPALaw Conference.
- **Defamation in Social Media and Employment** – Matthew Sammon presented his paper Defamation in Social Media and Employment at the 2012 HRPALaw Conference.
- **Anton Piller Awards in the preservation of electronic evidence** – Matthew Sammon presented at the Law Society of Upper Canada program on Mastering the Art of Complex Civil Motions.
- **Leaving Gracefully** – Matthew Sammon is quoted in Michael Benedict's article in the November 5, 2010 issue of The Lawyers Weekly regarding departing lawyers.



## BLOG POSTS

- **Court Puts Bankers on Notice: “Exceptional” Integrity and Honesty Required** – After a three-week trial, the Ontario Superior Court has held that the Royal Bank of Canada had after-acquired cause to terminate a senior banker, Aidan Mittra, and dismissed Mittra’s \$10?million lawsuit.

## SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **The 2024 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Excellence** – Lenczner Slaght’s litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Strength** – An increasing number of our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost lawyers in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Chambers Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm** – Canada’s leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to be recognized by world-renowned directory, Chambers & Partners.
- **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’s Litigation Excellence Recognized in 2023 Lexpert Directory** – Following comprehensive peer review surveys and interviews with senior members in the legal profession, the *2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* has recognized 31 of the firm’s expert litigators for their experience, knowledge, and precision, with 108 rankings spanning 17 practice areas.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized Among Canada’s Leading Litigation Lawyers** – Following an in-depth peer review process, the 2022 Lexpert Special Edition: *Canada’s Leading Litigation Lawyers* guide recognizes 15 Lenczner Slaght lawyers for their extensive courtroom experience and subject-matter expertise. We know courts, and courts know and trust us. That is why clients turn to us to solve their most complex legal problems.
- **Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a “Litigation Powerhouse” in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada’s leading litigation firm is once again ranked in Tier 1 for Dispute Resolution by *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Ranked Band 1 in Chambers Canada for 5th Consecutive Year** – Canada’s leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to be recognized in the latest edition of world-renowned directory, Chambers & Partners.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized Among the Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 39 of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers for their expertise across 24 practice areas.
- **The 2022 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Excellence** – 31 of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners across 18 fields.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Expertise** – Following an in-depth peer review process, the 2021 Lexpert Special Edition: *Canada’s Leading Litigation Lawyers*

guide recognizes 19 Lenczner Slaght lawyers for their extensive courtroom experience and subject-matter expertise.

- **Legal 500 Highlights Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Dominance** – Legal 500 recognizes Canada’s leading litigation firm as “a regular fixture in the country’s ground-breaking contentious cases”.
- **Chambers Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Excellence** – Canada’s leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to advance their position in the latest edition of world-renowned directory, Chambers & Partners.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Ranked Among Best Lawyers in Canada** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 37 of our expert litigators are recognized for their expertise across 25 practice areas.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Leading Health Sciences Expertise** – The inaugural issue of Lexpert’s Special Edition on Canada’s Leading Health Sciences Lawyers recognizes 11 Lenczner Slaght lawyers for their extensive industry experience. The rankings are also published in the June issue of the Globe & Mail’s Report on Business.
- **Benchmark Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght as a “Powerhouse”** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to be recognized with the top tier ranking of “Highly Recommended in Ontario” for its Dispute Resolution practice.
- **The 2021 Lexpert Directory Recognizes 30 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers** – An increasing number of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght Lawyers for Litigation Excellence** – An increasing number of our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost litigators in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Legal 500 Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Top-Tier Litigation Expertise** – Canada’s leading litigation firm is “recognized across the country as a force in complex disputes” according to Legal 500.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm by Chambers Canada** – Canada’s leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to be recognized by world-renowned directory, Chambers & Partners.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Leading Infrastructure Lawyers** – Our expert litigators continue to be recognized as foremost litigators in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Best Lawyers in Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Litigation Expertise** – Lenczner Slaght is proud to announce that 33 of our expert litigators are recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada 2021*. Our lawyers received a total of 128 rankings, up from 100 in 2020.
- **Lexpert Highlights Lenczner Slaght’s Professional Excellence** – Lenczner Slaght’s litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Legal 500 Recognizes Lenczner Slaght as a “Litigation Powerhouse”** – Legal 500 distinguishes Canada’s leading litigation firm for its “deep bench and first-class trial experience.”
- **Chambers Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm** – Canada’s leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to advance their position in the latest edition of world-renowned



directory, Chambers Canada, with nine new rankings.

- **Best Lawyers in Canada Recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 100 Rankings** – In the latest edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*, 28 Lenczner Slaght lawyers earned a total of 100 rankings, up from 86 in 2019.
- **The 2019 Lexpert Directory Recognizes Lenczner Slaght with 89 Rankings** – An increasing number of our expert litigators are recognized by their peers as the foremost practitioners in their fields.
- **Benchmark Canada Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence** – Benchmark Canada 2019 not only recognizes Canada's leading litigation firm with the top tier ranking of "Highly Recommended in Ontario", 17 Lenczner Slaght litigators are also ranked for their expertise.
- **Lenczner Slaght Named Firm of the Year in Medical Defense/Health** – Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to announce that we have been singled out for our Medical Defense and Health Law expertise at last week's 2019 Benchmark Canada Awards.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm by Legal 500** – Legal 500 recognizes Lenczner Slaght as the "best litigation boutique in Canada."
- **Who's Who Legal Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Dominance** – Eight Lenczner Slaght lawyers are recognized globally for their superb litigation expertise.
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Ranked in Best Lawyers in Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to announce that 25 of the firm's 58 lawyers have been recognized in the *Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* publication across multiple categories.
- **Lexpert's Big Suits: Rutman v. Rabinowitz** – *Rutman v. Rabinowitz* featured in the 2018 summer issue of Lexpert Magazine as one of the Top Big Suits of 2018. In this particular litigation of significance, Lenczner Slaght's Matthew Sammon and Jessica Roher were counsel to the respondent, Ronald Rutman.
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Professional Excellence** – An increasing number of the firm's lawyers have been ranked by their peers as leading practitioners in their field.
- **Lenczner Slaght Receives Top Tier Ranking in Benchmark Litigation** – 19 Lenczner Slaght leading litigators are ranked in Benchmark Litigation's 2018 directory, including 7 new additions since last year. Three of the firm's litigation stars are also recognized as a Top 50 Trial Lawyer in Canada.
- **OCA upholds \$700,000 award in internet defamation case** – Matthew Sammon is quoted in the Law Times article that discusses the recent Ontario Court of Appeal decision in *Rutman v Rabinowitz* that upheld \$700,000 in damages for what was characterized as a prolonged, persistent and vicious internet campaign. Matt represented the successful Plaintiff on the appeal and at trial.
- **Court of Appeal for Ontario Releases Key Decision on Internet Defamation** – On January 31, 2018, the Court of Appeal for Ontario released a decision upholding very large damages awards for what it characterized as a prolonged, persistent and vicious internet campaign.

- **Lenczner Slaght is Named a Top-Tier Firm in Legal 500 Rankings –** Along with the firm's Tier 1 ranking in Dispute Resolution with four leading lawyers and one next generation lawyer recognized, Lenczner Slaght is also ranked in Intellectual Property, Labour and Employment, and Competition and Antitrust.
- **Lexpert Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Strength –** A total of 13 Lenczner Slaght litigators have once again been ranked among the foremost litigators in their field in the 2017 Lexpert/ROB Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers.
- **Lenczner Slaght's Cross-Border Litigation Expertise is Highly Ranked –** Almost half of the partners at Canada's leading litigation firm are ranked with one Litigation Lawyer to Watch and 12 Leading Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers.
- **Lenczner Slaght Ranked Among the Best –** Almost half of the leading litigation firm's lawyers are recognized in the *Best Lawyers in Canada*.
- **23 Percent of Lenczner Slaght Lawyers ranked in Benchmark Litigation 2017 –** 12 Lenczner Slaght leading litigators are ranked in Benchmark Litigation's 2017 directory.
- **16 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked as Canada's Leading Litigators –** Number of Lenczner Slaght lawyers ranked in the year-end Lexpert Special Edition published in conjunction with *Report on Business* magazine jumps to 16.
- **Peers Recognize Lenczner Slaght's Expertise in Cross-border Litigation –** Fifteen Lenczner Slaght lawyers have been ranked in the Lexpert 2016 Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Best –** Nearly half of the firm's lawyers recognized among Canada's foremost practitioners
- **23 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked in 2016 Lexpert Directory –** This year, the Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory increased the number of Lenczner Slaght lawyers ranked among the best in Canada to 23, up from 20 in 2015.
- **Lenczner Slaght Leads in Cross-Border Litigation –** Recognition of Lenczner Slaght lawyers as Canada's Leading Cross-Border Litigators Endures
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Repeatedly Ranked Among the Best –** Half of the firm's lawyers are ranked as leading practitioners and three named "Lawyer of the Year" in the latest Best Lawyers in Canada Directory.
- **20 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Recognized in 2015 Lexpert Directory –** Recognized by Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory as leading practitioners.
- **Lenczner Slaght - "a fortress inhabited by litigation royalty" –** 13 Lenczner Slaght lawyers recognized in the 2015 Benchmark Litigation Directory.
- **Premier practice comprised of Toronto's premier litigators –** Legal 500 Canada recommends Lenczner Slaght in Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property, Labour and Employment Law.
- **A Leader in Cross-Border Litigation –** 14 Lenczner Slaght litigators ranked in Lexpert 2014 Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada.
- **Social Media in the Workplace –** Following the webinar on Practical Tools to Reduce your Organization's Risk with Social Media Use

which took place on October 17, 2014, Matthew Sammon, Jaan Lilles and Dena Varah were quoted in an article in the Winter issue of the CCCA Magazine which highlights the key takeaways.

- **Employment lawyers big on summary judgment** – Matthew Sammon was quoted in LawTimes on November 10, 2014 regarding summary judgment and employment law: Ontario lawyers are embracing summary judgment motions for a variety of matters, especially since the Supreme Court weighed in on the issue in *Hryniak v. Mauldin*.
- **23 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Among the Best** – Nearly half of the firm's 49 lawyers are ranked as leading practitioners and two named "Lawyer of the Year" in the latest Best Lawyers in Canada Directory.
- **Lenczner Slaght Increases Rankings in 2014 Lexpert Directory** – Canada's leading litigation practice continues to add new names to the list.
- **Another Rising Star at Lenczner Slaght** – Matthew Sammon is recognized as one of Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Among the Best** – Canada's leading litigation practice has 22 professionals in the 2014 Best Lawyers in Canada list.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society