



#### Education

Osgoode Hall Law School (1998) LLB  
 Queen's University (1995) BA  
 (Honours - Political Science)  
 LawVision Group (2015) Legal  
 Project Management

#### Bar Admissions

Ontario (2000)

#### Practice Areas

Appeals  
 Class Actions  
 Commercial Litigation  
 Competition and Antitrust  
 Employment  
 Injunctions  
 Insolvency and Restructuring  
 Product Liability  
 Professional Liability and Regulation  
 Public Law  
 Securities Litigation

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# Monique Jilesen

#### MONIQUE JILESEN

is Managing Partner at Lenczner Slaght.

"She is very client-focused, personable and strategic." —  
*Chambers Canada*

Monique is one of Canada's leading litigators who clients turn to for their toughest commercial disputes. Her practice focuses on class actions, contract and shareholder disputes, civil fraud cases, injunctions, professional liability, bankruptcy and insolvency matters, and securities and derivatives cases.

Monique is a fearless advocate, unafraid to take on tough, notable, and high-profile cases, even at a moment's notice. She was counsel to the Ukrainian World Congress in an application for judicial review of Canada's decision to allow the delivery of turbines to Germany for use by a sanctioned Russian company. In *Li v Barber*, she successfully secured an unprecedented Mareva order freezing up to \$20 million of assets and cryptocurrency of Freedom Convoy leaders. She also represented Douglas Cardinal in an injunction to restrain the use in Canada of the Cleveland baseball team's racist name and logo on human rights grounds.

Recognized for her exceptional work, Monique was previously awarded The Advocates' Society's prestigious Douglas K. Laidlaw Award for Excellence in Advocacy. In 2023, Monique was named Litigator of the Year at the Canadian Law Awards and one of the Top 50 Most Influential by Toronto Life. Monique is also a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Monique is co-leader of the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group and a member of the Commercial List Users' Committee. In 2018, she developed [commercialist.com](http://commercialist.com), an award-winning website that serves as a one-stop shop for all things Commercial List.

As the firm's Managing Partner, Monique is at the forefront of executing the firm's strategy, building an innovative mindset across the firm, and nurturing its high-performing and inclusive culture.

## RECOGNITION

- Toronto Life's Top 50 Most Influential (2023)  
Canada's Top Litigator
- Douglas K. Laidlaw Medal for Excellence in Advocacy (2017)
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers (2017)  
Fellow
- Chambers Canada (2019-2024)  
Litigation: General Commercial (Ontario)
- Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (2014-2024)  
Class Actions, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, Litigation - Corporate Commercial, Litigation - Directors' & Officers' Liability, Litigation - Securities
- Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (2016-2024)  
Corporate Commercial Litigation
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers (2014-2023)
- Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada (2013-2019)  
Dispute Resolution, Corporate Commercial Litigation, Litigation Lawyer to Watch (2013)
- Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Technology Lawyers (2021)
- Lexpert Zenith Award (2018)  
Mid-Career Excellence in Corporate Commercial Litigation
- Lexpert Rising Stars (2012)  
Leading Lawyers Under 40
- The Legal 500 Canada (2019-2024)  
Dispute Resolution (Leading Lawyer), Insolvency and Restructuring (Recommended Lawyer)
- Benchmark Canada (2017-2023)  
Litigation Star – Class Action, Commercial, Insolvency, Securities; Top 100 Women in Litigation; Top 50 Trial Lawyer in Canada (2021)
- Benchmark Litigation (2017-2019)  
Top 25 Women in Canadian Litigation
- Who's Who Legal: Canada (2020-2023)  
Litigation, Restructuring & Insolvency
- Best Lawyers in Canada (2016-2024)  
Class Action Litigation, Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Director & Officer Liability, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, Labour and Employment, Securities
- Canadian Law Awards (2023)  
Litigator of the Year
- Chambers Global (2024)  
Dispute Resolution: Litigation (Canada)

## SELECT CASES

- **Castillo v Xela Enterprises Ltd** – Counsel to the court-appointed receiver in contempt proceedings on the Commercial List. Successfully obtained a finding of civil contempt and a full indemnity costs award – both of which were upheld on appeal.
- **Original Traders Energy Ltd (Re)** – Counsel to Mareva Respondents in injunction and CCAA proceedings.

- **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.
- **Li et al v Barber et al** – Agent for class counsel in a class proceeding by residents, employees, and businesses in Ottawa against the Freedom Convoy organizers. Successfully obtained an *ex parte Mareva* order freezing donations made to Freedom Convoy organizers and preserving the funds for the benefit of Ottawa residents, employees, and businesses.
- **2615975 Ontario Limited v Canopy Rivers Inc. (In the Matter of a Plan of Compromise or Arrangement of PharmHouse Inc.)** – Counsel for Canopy Growth Corporation in an insolvency of PharmHouse Inc., a cannabis greenhouse joint venture.
- **Barry Lacroix and Vincent Campbell v Walmart Canada Corporation et al and Gary Dussiaume v Walmart Canada Corporation et al** – Counsel to Walmart in two proposed class actions (Ontario and British Columbia) relating to the manufacturing, supply and sale of Zantac Ranitidine.
- **In the Matter of the Receivership of Xela Enterprises Ltd** – Counsel to the court-appointed receiver in an application to recover a judgment debt from Xela Enterprises Ltd., the parent company to several subsidiaries located primarily in Central America and the Caribbean.
- **First Hamilton Holdings Inc et al v Laurentian Bank Securities et al** – Counsel to the Respondent Laurentian Bank Securities in opposing an application for an interim injunction with respect to the Applicants’ margin accounts brought at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in North America.
- **Reddy v 1945086 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the Vendors of a multi-tower condominium project in a claim alleging breach of contract.
- **Chelin v Carr** – Counsel to the defendant accounting firm in a claim alleging negligence and breach of trust against a former partner of the firm.
- **GCT Canada Limited Partnership v Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Attorney General of Canada** – Counsel to Global Container Terminals in a judicial review of a decision of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority refusing to consider Global Container Terminal’s proposed port expansion project.
- **Re Essar Steel Algoma Inc** – Counsel to the GIP Primus, LP in oppression proceedings brought by the Monitor in the context of Algoma’s CCAA proceeding.
- **Petrochemical Commercial Company International Ltd v Nexus** – Counsel to individual respondents in an application relating to a worldwide and multijurisdictional Mareva injunction, including Malaysia, Cyprus and Australia.
- **Re Carillion Canada Inc.** – Counsel to Carillion Canada Inc. in a motion against its former bank seeking the return of funds debited from the company bank account as set-off during the CCAA stay period. The bank was found to have knowingly breached the stay order, resulting in a significant costs award.
- **Re Hollinger Inc** – Counsel in various proceedings on behalf of Ernst & Young, the court appointed Monitor of Hollinger Inc. and related entities in complex CCAA proceedings.
- **Canadian National Railway Company v Scott Paul Holmes** – Counsel to the plaintiff in a fraud action, successfully obtaining production of

- several lawyers' files over which solicitor-client privilege was claimed.
- **1544656 v Independent Electricity System Operator** – Counsel for IESO in a dispute relating to the interpretation of a feed-in-tariff program contract.
  - **Sears Canada Inc.** – Counsel to a household appliance manufacturer acquiring an asset under a right of first refusal in the context of Sears' CCAA proceeding.
  - **PearTree Financial Services Ltd v Brownstein** – Counsel to PearTree Financial Services involving the unlawful use of confidential client information by a departing employee and former joint venture...
  - **Cardinal v Cleveland Indians Baseball Company** – Counsel for Douglas Cardinal in proceedings to restrain the use in Canada of the Cleveland baseball team's name and logo on human rights grounds.
  - **MacDonald v BMO Trust Company** – Counsel to the defendants in a class action alleging failure to disclose foreign exchange fees in registered accounts.
  - **Cygnus Electronics Corporation v Hitachi AIC Inc** – Counsel to a defendant electronics company in a proposed Ontario class action relating to allegations of price-fixing in the market for electrolytic...
  - **De Muelenaere v Great Gulf Homes Limited** – Counsel to the defendant developer in a class action alleging breach of contract and negligence relating to the installation of plumbing fixtures.
  - **SG Air Leasing Limited v Inchatsavane Company (Proprietary) Limited** – Counsel to the successful applicants in an application to recognize and enforce a worldwide freezing order in respect of an aircraft.
  - **Canadian National Railway Company v Canadian Pacific Railway Company and Shnerer** – Counsel to CN in respect of an injunction seeking non-solicitation and non-use orders against a departing employee who removed and misused confidential...
  - **Teva Canada Limited v Pfizer Canada Inc** – Counsel to Pfizer in an action for damages under section 8 of the PM(NOC) Regulations relating to Lyrica (pregabalin), a neuropathic pain drug. The...
  - **TPG Technology Consulting Ltd v Canada** – Counsel to the Government of Canada in a lengthy Federal Court of Canada trial, in which the claim for \$400 million involving allegations of procurement...
  - **Rosen v BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc** – Counsel to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. in an overtime class action brought by a former investment advisor on behalf of all BMO NBI investment advisors in...
  - **Sheridan Chevrolet Cadillac Ltd v Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering** – Counsel to a defendant in a multi-jurisdictional class action involving alleged price-fixing among automotive parts manufacturers.
  - **Barclays Bank v Metcalfe & Mansfield (Devonshire Trust)** – Counsel to Devonshire Trust in a case arising out of the disruption of the Canadian Asset Backed Commercial Paper market in August 2007. Devonshire...
  - **Ali Holdco Inc v Archer Daniels Midland Company** – Counsel to the defendant Corn Products International Inc. in a class proceeding alleging conspiracy to fix prices and restrain competition in the market...
  - **Austin v Overs** – Counsel to the defendant in an action relating to an alleged oral agreement for shares in Pizza Pizza.
  - **Re Coventree Inc** – Counsel to a former director and officer of Coventree Inc. in a regulatory proceeding before the Ontario Securities Commission in connection with disc...
  - **Re Air Canada** – Counsel to the monitor in a complex insolvency

proceeding involving a myriad of cross-border issues and over 100 interlocutory motions and other contested...

- **Re Poseidon Concepts Corp** – Counsel to the underwriters in connection with a securities class action and CCAA proceedings relating to Poseidon Concepts. The class...
- **Vallourec Canada Inc v AM Castle & Co** – Counsel to the plaintiff in an action for breach of contract relating to the sale of industrial pipe.
- **Tan-Jen Ltd v De Pede** – Counsel to the responding parties in contempt proceedings arising from an action relating to custom-built moulds for concrete pre-cast.
- **Schenk v Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc** – Counsel to Valeant in a breach of contract action in respect of a pharmaceutical product.
- **Re ACE Aviation Holdings Inc** – Counsel to the Ernst & Young Inc in the liquidation of ACE Aviation Holdings Inc.
- **Ontario Power Authority** – Counsel to the Ontario Power Authority in relation to the review of the construction and relocation of two gas plants by the Ontario legislature's...
- **Royal Bank of Canada v A-1 Asphalt Maintenance Ltd** – Counsel for a bonding company in a bankruptcy of a construction company.
- **East Guardian v Mazur** – Counsel to the applicant lender. Successful in obtaining a Mareva injunction and receivership over the respondent, a guarantor of the loans.
- **Ramsay v Panasonic Corporation** – Counsel to a defendant electronics company in a proposed British Columbia class action relating to allegations of price-fixing in the market for capacitors...
- **Re Northstar Aerospace Inc** – Counsel to General Electric Canada in connection with the CCAA restructuring of Northstar Aerospace concerning claims of historical environmental...
- **Eppich v Boiron Canada Inc** – Counsel to Boiron, a Quebec based company, in a class action alleging misrepresentations in the marketing of a homeopathic medicine product.
- **Ault v Canada (Attorney General)** – Counsel to the Attorney General of Canada in a negligent misrepresentation action relating to pension benefits. Successful appeal of the trial...
- **Canadian National Railway Company v Google Inc** – Counsel to CN Railway in a successful proceeding for an order removing a defamatory blog.
- **Canada v Granitile Inc** – Counsel to the Government of Canada in an action to set aside a trial judgment on the grounds of the fraud of the plaintiff in obtaining the judgment...
- **Re First Waste Utilities Canada Limited** – Counsel to Canadian National Railways in successfully responding to an appeal of an order approved transaction in a bankruptcy.
- **Vale v Roland** – Successful motion by the defendants for an order quashing notices of examination and a motion to set aside a consent order on the grounds that the notices...
- **Canadian National Railway Company v Holmes** – Counsel to CN in a complex dispute involving employee fraud, accounting of profits, abuse of process, defamation and negligent exercise of statutory...
- **Re Calpine Corporation** – Canadian counsel to Calpine Corporation in the complex, cross-border Calpine insolvency proceeding which included CCAA proceedings in Alberta and simultaneously...
- **Oakville (Town) v Birchgrove Estates Inc** – Counsel in an appeal of a decision of the Municipal Board rescinding appointment of a member of

- the Conservation Review Board to the Municipal Board and...
- **Catalyst Fund General Partner I Inc v Hollinger Inc** – Counsel to the Court-appointed inspector, Ernst & Young, in proceedings relating to Hollinger Inc. Included a successful motion and appeal to...
  - **Ice Gardens at York University Inc v Parmalat Dairy and Bakery Inc** – Counsel for the plaintiff successful trial of an action by the Ice Gardens for breach of contract for failing to pay for naming rights.
  - **Motion Picture Distribution Inc v Loewy** – Counsel for the plaintiff on a motion for injunctive relief enjoining defendant from using confidential information, competing with or soliciting empl...
  - **Mega Blow Moulding Ltd v Sarantos** – Counsel to a defendant in a commercial dispute. Successfully moved for an order to dismiss the action because it was commenced without proper...
  - **Adair Estate v Hamilton Health Sciences Corp** – Counsel to the defendant physicians in a medical negligence claim alleging a failure to diagnose a bowel obstruction in a timely fashion.
  - **Horton Plaza Inc v Richtree Inc** – Counsel for the defendant in an action for breach of a lease.
  - **Kurek v Brown** – Counsel for the defendant physician in a civil action. Successful motion and appeal, dismissing a third party claim on the grounds that it was...
  - **Coopers & Lybrand Ltd v Richter & Associés Inc** – Counsel for Richter in an appeal of a refusal to set aside a default judgment.
  - **Re Muscletech Research and Development Inc** – Counsel on motion by a creditor in CCAA proceedings to be included in court ordered mediation process.
  - **Kelebay v Petruck** – Counsel for the applicant in a successful application for a declaration that the applicant was the sole shareholder of a company.
  - **Peterson v Ontario (Securities Commission)** – Counsel in an application to quash the notice of hearing of the Ontario Securities Commission on the grounds of bias.
  - **Re YBM** – Counsel to director of YBM in Ontario Securities Commission proceedings relating to disclosure obligations and securities class action proceedings.
  - **Re Hemosol Corp** – Counsel on a successful motion for payment of a success fee to an investment advisor for conducting a marketing process undertaken by the Receiver.
  - **Larry v Triple M Metal Inc** – Counsel for the defendant at trial of wrongful dismissal claim. Successfully defended claim for portion of profit sharing plan.
  - **CSAE Inc v Air Service SA** – Successful defence of motion to stay or dismiss application on the basis that it was not commenced with the authority of the applicant and on the basis of...
  - **Ostroff v Ramnarine** – Counsel to successful defendant in a trial of an action for the repayment of an advance of funds put into a business venture.
  - **Brantford (City) v Montour** – Counsel as amicus to the Superior Court in an application brought by The Corporation of the City of Brantford for an interlocutory injunction to prevent...
  - **Michael L Goguen v Amber Laurel Baptiste** – Counsel to the plaintiff commencing an action to enforce a foreign judgement and obtaining a Mareva injunction in support of the action, ensuring that the defendants do not sell or dissipate any of their assets in Canada.
  - **Select Committee on Financial Transparency** – Counsel to corporate

witnesses testifying at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's Select Committee on Financial Transparency.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Fall Convention 2023** – Monique Jilesen was invited to present at The Advocates' Society's Fall Convention. Monique participated on the panel discussion, *Things You Were Afraid to Say*.
- **Evidence for Litigators 2023** – Monique Jilesen was invited to share her expertise at The Advocates' Society's annual program on Evidence for Litigators. Monique participated on the panel *Arguing Hearsay Exceptions and Other Objections*.
- **Developing Personal Style; The Judges Weigh In** – Monique Jilesen presented at The Advocates' Society's program Cross-Examination: Building Block Series Block Two: Conducting an Effective Cross. Monique discussed how she developed her personal style for cross-examinations and how you can too.
- **10th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers** – Monique Jilesen was invited to share her expertise at the OBA's 10th Annual Professionalism Issues for Business Lawyers program. Monique will discuss "*Issues of Good Faith and Mistakes in Contractual Negotiations*".
- **Arbitration Place Invitational Pre-Moot** – Monique Jilesen was invited to share her expertise at the Arbitration Place Invitational Pre-Moot for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.
- **Your First Civil Trial** – Monique Jilesen will present at the OBA's Young Lawyers Division program *Your First Civil Trial*. Monique will share her expertise on the panel "Introducing Evidence at Trial".
- **The Yunusov Question: A Conversation with Monique Jilesen** – Featured on The Yunusov Question Podcast, Monique Jilesen talks about her path to law, her litigation practice, her day-to-day as Managing Partner, and everything in between.
- **The Fearless Advocate: Litigating Polarizing Legal Issues** – Monique Jilesen was invited to present at The Advocates' Society's program titled "The Fearless Advocate: Litigating Polarizing Legal Issues". Monique will speak on the panel *Best Practices for Handling Media, New and Old*.
- **Rethinking the Rules of Civil Evidence** – In the March 2022 edition of The Advocates' Journal, Monique Jilesen and Jessica Kras provided a practical refresher on the evidentiary principles that govern the use and admissibility of documents to refresh a witness's memory.
- **Ottawa and the Emergencies Act: A Big Round Table** – Monique participated in a roundtable presented by Osgoode Hall Law School on how the *Emergencies Act's* invocation and measures relate to associated developments, particularly the Ottawa residents' class action lawsuit against the Freedom Convoy protesters and the resulting injunctions.
- **Examinations for Discovery: Building Block Series** – Monique Jilesen presented at the second installment of The Advocates' Society's *Examinations for Discovery: Building Block Series*. Monique shared her expertise on the session "*Discovery Questions and Techniques*".

- **Second Chair, Not Second Fiddle** – Monique Jilesen presented at The Advocates' Society's program titled "Second Chair, Not Second Fiddle". In this new program, Monique shared top tips and strategies for becoming an effective second chair – both before and during trial.
- **Putting People First in Workplace Modernization** – Monique Jilesen was invited to speak at the Ontario Bar Association's Work That Works podcast. Monique spoke about the future of the legal workplace post-pandemic.
- **The Litigator's Guide To the Business of Law** – Brian Kolenda co-chaired The Advocates' Society program titled "The Litigator's Guide To the Business of Law". The program helped guide mid-career litigators who are new to department leadership or are looking to enter into this role. Monique Jilesen also attended and shared her expertise as a panelist.
- **Litigating Polarizing Legal Issues** – Monique Jilesen co-chaired The Advocates' Society's program *Litigating Polarizing Legal Issues*. In this program, experienced counsel considered how lawyers make the decision to litigate polarizing legal issues, whether there has been a generational change, how these cases affect the way we litigate, and how to manage our client relationships.
- **Canada's legal leaders - up close and personal** – Monique Jilesen featured in the first episode of Lexpert TV! Monique spoke about her leading litigation practice, how our firm quickly adapted to COVID-19, the future of legal service delivery, and the challenges and opportunities ahead.
- **Enabling Legal Innovation in a Disruptive Era** – Monique Jilesen presented at the Canadian Legal Innovation Forum. Monique discussed the evolution of the legal innovation landscape in the COVID-19 era.
- **Mastering Summary Judgment Motions** – Monique Jilesen shared her expertise at the OBA's Civil Litigation program *Mastering Summary Judgment Motions*. Monique shared her expert insights on the panel "Practice Perspectives: Commercial, Class Actions, Negligence, and Employment Law".
- **COVID-19 Restart Series: How the Pandemic May Impact the Canadian Legal Landscape in the Short and Long Term** – Monique Jilesen and Scott Rollwagen led a Mondaq webinar on *How the Pandemic May Impact the Canadian Legal Landscape in the Short and Long Term*. Monique and Scott discussed the potential legal issues surrounding the pandemic now and in the future.
- **Speculate, Anticipate, Mitigate: How COVID-19 May Impact the Canadian Legal Landscape in the Short and Long Term** – Sana Halwani, Monique Jilesen, Scott Rollwagen, and Paul-Erik Veel shared their expertise at the Virtual GC Forum on May 12.
- **Motions Advocacy** – Monique Jilesen shared her expertise at The Advocates' Society's civil litigation program "*Motions Advocacy*".
- **Cross-Examination: Strategies for Success** – Monique Jilesen was a faculty member at The Advocates' Society's program *Cross-Examination: Strategies for Success*. The session was part of the Civil Litigation Skills Certificate program. Monique provided expert advice on knowing your audience and knowing your witness.



- **Canadian Litigation Forum** – Ian Binnie and Monique Jilesen shared their expertise at the inaugural Canadian Litigation Forum. Ian discussed the current international arbitration landscape for Canadian companies on the panel *International Arbitration - a new paradigm emerges*. While Monique discussed trends in litigation risk for Canadian companies on the opening panel *Setting the Scene: The Canadian Litigation Landscape*.
- **8th Biennial Women in Litigation Symposium** – Monique Jilesen co-chaired The Advocates' Society's 8th Biennial Women in Litigation Symposium.
- **Surviving a Breakup: Dealing with Departing (and New!) Employees, Confidential Information, and IP** – Sana Halwani, Monique Jilesen, Brian Kolenda, and Sarah Millar presented at the GC Forum's Q3 event on October 3.
- **40th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Risa Kirshblum, Monique Jilesen, Shara Roy, and Dena Varah taught at Osgoode Professional Development's 40th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop on July 7-13, 2019.
- **Commercial List Users' Committee Annual Retreat And Reception** – At CLUC's 2019 Annual Retreat and Reception, Monique Jilesen shared her expertise on the panel *What's Happening at the Commercial List*.
- **Ahead of the pack: Advising the board on looming disputes** – In Monique Jilesen's Lawyer's Daily article "Ahead of the pack: Advising the board on looming disputes", she summarizes what corporate counsel can do to effectively manage and contain a crisis while balancing the interests of the board, stakeholders and the public.
- **Get Ahead of the Pack: Best Practices for Advising the Board When a Dispute is on the Horizon** – At the 2019 Annual CCCA National Conference for in-house counsel, Monique Jilesen was a member of the plenary panel called "*Get Ahead of the Pack: Best Practices for Advising the Board When a Dispute is on the Horizon*". She shared expert practical advice on litigation avoidance, pre-litigation planning, and sharing risk.
- **Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers Conference – Gender, Diversity and Equality** – Monique Jilesen was a panellist at the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers conference. She was part of a team discussing Gender, Diversity and Equality. This session contributed to the conference's theme of Practicing Law and Humanity and how the legal profession can achieve better diversity and equality in all areas.
- **Cross-Examination: Strategies for Success** – Monique Jilesen was a faculty member at The Advocates' Society's program Cross-Examination: Strategies for Success. The session was part of the Civil Litigation Skills Certificate program. Monique provided expert advice on how to take and keep control of witness testimony.
- **An Evening With the Commercial List** – Monique Jilesen hosted An Evening With the Commercial List, a popular event featuring Commercial List judges, and litigators at The Advocates' Society. This was an opportunity to see your fellow law professionals in a less formal setting.
- **Successfully Managing Complex Litigation** – Monique Jilesen and Shara Roy co-authored the Lawyer's Daily article *Successfully Managing Complex Litigation* which was published on November 29, 2018.
- **Litigation Funding: A Tool for Risk Mitigation and Revenue Generation** – Monique Jilesen was the moderator for two panels at Lexpert's Litigation Funding event. The first panel was called "What is litigation funding, what types of cases are suitable, how do companies typically use funding and how does the process work?" The second panel called "Due Diligence Process" covered the preparation needed,

high-level assessment, and taking a deep dive on due diligence.

- **Equitable and Inclusive Law Firm Hiring Practices: Challenges and Solutions** – Monique Jilesen was a panellist on the Cavanagh LLP Professionalism Speaker Series at the University of Ottawa on November 15, 2018. She spoke about equitable and inclusive hiring practices in the law firm.
- **Benchmark Women in Litigation Toronto Forum - Successfully Managing Complex Litigation** – Monique Jilesen and Shara N. Roy spoke at the Benchmark Women in Litigation Toronto Forum. They participated on the panel "Successfully managing complex litigation" with in-house counsel from Fengate Capital Management, Telus and PwC.
- **39th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Monique Jilesen, Risa Kirshblum, Shara Roy, and Dena Varah taught at Osgoode Professional Development's *39th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop* on July 8-14, 2018.
- **The Advocates' Society: Objections** – Monique Jilesen was the Co-Chair for the "Objection, Your Honor!" session at The Advocates' Society's Annual Civil Litigation program. As an experienced litigator, she spoke on how to make effective objections in the courtroom.
- **Successful Civil Appeals** – Monique Jilesen presented at OBA's program on Successful Civil Appeals. She spoke on the topic of writing a persuasive factum.
- **Corporate Divorces and OBCA Remedies** – Monique Jilesen spoke at The Law Society of Ontario's program "The Intersection of Business and Family Law for Family Lawyers". She spoke on the topic of Corporate Divorces & OBCA Remedies which touched on Windups, Oppression, Derivative Actions and Other Options.
- **The Advocates' Society: In-House Advocacy Training** – Monique Jilesen taught at The Advocates' Society's In-House Advocacy Training for Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP. She was a skills instructor during the education program which consisted of faculty discussion, demonstration sessions and mock skills exercises.
- **The Advocates' Society: Leadership Skills for Litigators** – Monique Jilesen spoke at The Advocates' Society's Leadership Skills for Litigators program. She took part in the panel entitled "Team Leader: Build Effective Teams and Avoid Toxic Relationships".
- **Top Cases in Commercial Litigation** – Monique Jilesen spoke at the Advocates' Society's breakfast program on the Top Cases in Commercial Litigation from 2017.
- **The 14th Annual Asian Canadian Law Students Conference** – Monique Jilesen spoke on the Litigation Panel at the 14th Annual Asian Canadian Law Students Conference, which took place on March 3, 2018 at the Ontario Bar Association.
- **The Advocates' Society: Winning Injunctions** – Monique Jilesen once again served as faculty for The Advocates' Society professional development workshop *Winning Injunctions* on November 24, 2017. Monique discussed the skills and strategies required to seek and oppose injunctive relief.
- **The Advocates' Society's 7th Biennial Women in Litigation Symposium** – Monique Jilesen was a mentor for two group mentoring discussions on the following topics: "Getting Noticed: Effective Self-Promotion" and "Practice Development and Profile Building".

- **38th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Monique Jilesen, Risa Kirshblum, Jaan Lilles, and Dena Varah taught at Osgoode Professional Development's *38th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop* on July 9-15, 2017.
- **Cross-Examination Workshop - Advanced Skills Series** – Monique Jilesen served as Faculty at the Osgoode Professional Development Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop, Advanced Skills Series.
- **Commercial Litigation Women's Breakfast: Women as Change Agents** – Monique Jilesen moderated at The Advocates' Society's annual breakfast program focusing on how the speakers built their careers and helped shape...
- **Your First Civil Trial** – Monique Jilesen spoke about examining witnesses at Your First Civil Trial for the Ontario Bar Association.
- **2017 Toronto Courthouse Series: Telling a Compelling Story** – Monique Jilesen presented on closing arguments at the Advocates' Society 2017 Toronto Courthouse Series: Telling a Compelling Story.
- **The Advocates' Society: Winning Injunctions** – Monique Jilesen served as faculty for The Advocates' Society skills workshop Winning Injunctions on December 5, 2016.
- **Osgoode Professional Development: Examining Expert Witness** – Lawyers Monique Jilesen and Eli S. Lederman co-chaired the Osgoode Professional Development advanced skills workshop Examining Expert Witnesses on...
- **Injunctions Primer for Litigators** – Monique Jilesen spoke at the session on Injunctions Primer for Litigators at the Donald Lamont Learning Centre on November 1, 2016.
- **ILCO Advanced Litigation Law Program for Law Clerks** – Monique Jilesen presented Managing a Complex Trial at The Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario's Advanced Litigation Law Program for Law Clerks on September...
- **The Advocates' Society: Objection, Your Honour!** – Monique Jilesen took part in a panel discussion titled Objections During Examination-in-Chief at The Advocates' Society Objection, Your Honour! event on...
- **The Advocates' Society: Hitting Your Stride** – Monique Jilesen co-chaired The Advocates' Society: Hitting Your Stride event at The Advocates' Society Education Centre on June 1, 2016.
- **The Advocates' Society Junior Counsel Forum** – Monique Jilesen co-chaired a forum discussion providing guidance to new counsel about what to expect during early court appearances and what the bench...
- **The Advocates' Society: Business Valuations** – Monique Jilesen took part in a panel discussion titled Walk Through a Valuation Report: What you Need to Know at The Advocates' Society: Business Valu...
- **Osgoode's 13th National Symposium on Class Actions** – Monique Jilesen chaired a session at Osgoode's 13th National Symposium on Class Actions on April 21 & 22, 2016.
- **The Advocates' Society: Costs Submissions Advocacy** – Monique Jilesen spoke at The Advocate' Society: Costs of Submissions Advocacy on Recent Developments and Future Directions of Costs on April 21, 2016.
- **LSUC Twelve-Minute Civil Litigation 2015** – Monique Jilesen presented the Most Important Civil Procedure Cases of the Year on September 18th, 2015 during the Law Society of Upper Canada's sessions...
- **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...
- **Understanding Financial Statements 2015 - A Litigator's Guide to Persuading with Numbers** – Monique Jilesen participated in a panel discussion on Demonstration and Commentary on Effective Advocacy with Financial Statements on June 10, 2015 as...
  - **Advanced Questioning Techniques: Mastering Examinations-in-Chief and Mastering Cross-Examinations** – Monique Jilesen and Eli Lederman were on the faculty of this Osgoode Professional Development Program led by Canadian instructors in advocacy skills...
  - **Shareholder Litigation and the Closely-Held Company** – Monique Jilesen spoke at this Osgoode Professional Development Program on April 7, 2015, which provides insight in to key aspects of litigating shareh...
  - **Fight or Flight: Summary Judgment or Settlement in Class Actions** – Monique Jilesen co-authored an article in the March 2015 issue of the Class Actions Defence Quarterly.
  - **The power and peril of a Mareva injunction** – Monique Jilesen's article on remedies for corporate victims of fraud appears in the March 13, 2015 issue of the Lawyers Weekly.
  - **Expert Evidence for Litigators** – Monique Jilesen spoke at the Law Society of Upper Canada's program Expert Evidence for Litigators on November 7, 2014.
  - **Technology in Practice 2014** – Monique Jilesen was a speaker and panelist at the 2014 Lawyer Project Leadership Conference on the Evolution of Legal Project Management.
  - **Don't pin your hopes on claims bar expiry** – Monique Jilesen's article appears in the October 3, 2014 issue of Lawyers Weekly published by LexisNexis Canada Inc.
  - **Class Actions - A Bootcamp for Litigators** – Monique Jilesen spoke at the Law Society of Upper Canada's program Class Actions - A Bootcamp for Litigators on October 2, 2014.
  - **Ethical Issues in Class Actions – Defence Perspective** – Monique Jilesen co-authored a paper presented at the Law Society of Upper Canada's program Class Actions - A Bootcamp for Litigators which took place on...
  - **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...
  - **Understanding Financial Statements 2014: A Litigator's Guide to Persuading with Numbers** – Monique Jilesen spoke at The Advocates' Society Understanding Financial Statements program held on June 10, 2014.
  - **Successful Use of Demonstrative Evidence** – Monique Jilesen is a guest speaker at the Advocates' Society "Brown Bag" Series session on Successful Use of Demonstrative Evidence held on March 25, 2014...
  - **Economic Torts and Quasi-Contractual Claims** – Monique Jilesen presented on the most recent issues surrounding economic torts on November 21, 2013, hosted by the Ontario Bar Association.
  - **Litigation 101 Breakfast Seminar** –
  - **3rd E-Discovery for Government: Controlling Costs through Effective E-Discovery Policies** – Monique Jilesen is a co-lecturer at this conference held in Toronto on September 17 & 18, 2013.
  - **Third Annual Securities Symposium** – Monique Jilesen was the chair

and Shara Roy was a presenter at the Third Annual Securities Symposium for the Securities Litigation Practice Group of The...

- **34th Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop** – Peter Griffin, Monique Jilesen and Eli Lederman were among the distinguished guest lecturers at the 34th Annual Intensive Trial Workshop held in Toronto on July 7-14, 2013.
- **Examining and Cross-Examining Experts: Winning Strategies, Trends and Solutions** – Monique Jilesen is a guest speaker at the Advocates' Society Civil Litigation Skills Certificate Program held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.
- **Leading Your Case: Opening Statements and Examination-in-chief** – Monique Jilesen was a skills instructor at this Civil Litigation Skills Certificate Program, hosted by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

## BLOG POSTS

- **The LCO's Class Actions Final Report: The Defence Perspective** – As has now been widely reported, the Law Commission of Ontario has released its final report on class actions which makes recommendations to improve the system of class actions in Ontario. Our colleagues, Brian Kolenda and Derek Knoke, commented on those that will be of interest to plaintiffs in their blog post here. We provide the defence counsel perspective here.
- **The Rules of Evidence Still Apply in PMNOC Section 8 Cases** – It's no surprise to litigators that some courts tend to be relaxed with the rules of evidence in civil cases. In many contexts, courts are prepared to admit inadmissible hearsay evidence and simply address evidentiary concerns by noting that such evidence may be given less weight. That type of approach was often taken in cases under section 8 of the *Patented Medicine (Notice of Compliance) Regulations*.
- **The weight of the corporate veil: It will be lifted with only the strongest tools** – The "corporate veil" is an old and well-established concept. Corporations are separate legal entities under the law and, generally, liability will not flow through the corporation and onto the owners and directors. This is why a corporate bankruptcy doesn't result in a flurry of debt collectors knocking on the door of every shareholder.

## 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.
- **Chambers Global Recognizes Lenczner Slaght for the 22nd Consecutive Year** – Canada's leading litigation firm and its expert litigators are increasingly recognized in the latest edition of world-renowned directory, Chambers Global.
- **Lenczner Slaght Remains at the Centre of the Lexpert Bull's Eye** – The 2024 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada recognizes Lenczner Slaght as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.
- **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.
- **Inside Toronto Life's Most Influential Party** – Monique Jilesen, our

Managing Partner, was honored as "Canada's top litigator" at Toronto Life's annual celebration of the city's Top 50 Most Influential. Monique is recognized alongside leaders in politics, tech, media, sports, culture, and real estate.

- **Lenczner Slaght Stands Out as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm in Legal 500 Canada** – Canada's leading litigation firm is once again recognized as a "litigation powerhouse" according to *Legal 500 Canada*.
- **Monique Jilesen Named in Toronto Life's Top 50 Most Influential of 2023** – Toronto Life recognizes our Managing Partner as "Canada's top litigator" in their prestigious Top 50 Most Influential of 2023 list, an exclusive ranking of the people who represent Toronto on a world stage and whose bravery, smarts and influence are changing the world.
- **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.
- **Canadian Law Awards Celebrates Lenczner Slaght's Litigation Excellence** – Following extensive research and assessment by industry leaders across Canada, this year's Canadian Law Awards honoured Lenczner Slaght in two categories.
- **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's 22nd Year at the Centre of the Lexpert Bull's Eye** – The 2023 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada continues to recognize Lenczner Slaght as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation.
- **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.
- **Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2021/2022** – In Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2021/2022, Lenczner Slaght is featured for its involvement in *Li v Barber* and *Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada v Entertainment Software Association*. Monique Jilesen was further interviewed on our involvement in *Li v Barber*, where our team successfully obtained a precedent-setting Mareva order.
- **Litigation Boutique Lenczner Slaght Names New Managing Partner** – Monique Jilesen was interviewed by Law.com International about her plans for the firm following her appointment to Managing Partner in 2023.
- **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*.

- **Monique Jilesen joins Class Proceedings Committee** – Monique Jilesen will bring her extensive and formidable experience to the Law Foundation of Ontario's Class Proceedings Committee.
- **Lenczner Slaght Announces Monique Jilesen Will Succeed Tom Curry as Managing Partner** – Interviewed by Canadian Lawyer, Monique Jilesen speaks more about the direction she intends to lead the firm following her appointment in 2023. Matthew B. Lerner was also mentioned, as he has been appointed to the Management Committee and will join current members, Eli Lederman, and chief operating officer Tracie Crook.
- **Monique Jilesen to Lead the Way as Lenczner Slaght's New Managing Partner** – Continuing the tradition of being led by one of Canada's leading trial lawyers, Lenczner Slaght is thrilled to confirm the appointment of our new Managing Partner, Monique Jilesen, effective January 1, 2023.
- **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.
- **Canada Considered Jobs, Inflation in Decision to Return Russian Turbine: Document** – The Interior News interviewed Monique Jilesen on her role and insights into the application made on behalf of the Ukrainian World Congress which fights a waiver to allow a gas turbine to be returned to Russia.
- **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.
- **Why is Canada's turbine return to Russia's Gazprom fuelling sparks? Here's what we know** – Global News reports on the Government of Canada's decision to allow a Canadian company to return turbines from a Russian pipeline that supplies natural gas to Germany for use by a sanctioned Russian state-owned company. Monique Jilesen, counsel to Ukrainian World Congress, is interviewed for the special report.
- **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.
- **Battle over convoy cash continues as freeze order extended to May** – CBC quotes Monique Jilesen on her recent court appearance, which extended the Mareva injunction freezing the funds donated to the Freedom Convoy protest and status of the digital currency. Monique says that the extension is to ensure all the money involved in the protests included in the civil case has been moved to the escrow account.

- **Digital currency donations for Freedom Convoy evading seizure by authorities** – CBC Ottawa interviewed Monique Jilesen comments on our recent Mareva injunction freezing the funds donated to the Freedom Convoy protest and status of the digital currency.
- **GiveSendGo to Refund Freedom Convoy Donors, Claims Canada Government Trying to Seize, Redistribute Millions** – Monique Jilesen is mentioned in Fox News' coverage on GiveSendGo, a crowdfunding platform, and its announcement to refund donations after a Canadian court order blocked the distribution to organizers and threatened to seize the cash.
- **'Freedom Convoy' assets to remain frozen through end of March** – Monique Jilesen was quoted by CBC Ottawa on the status of the cryptocurrency that was frozen by Lenczner Slaght in a precedent-setting Mareva Injunction.
- **GiveSendGo Tells Court It Is Refunding Convoy Donations amid Freezing Order** – The Globe and Mail highlights Monique Jilesen's role in a proposed class-action lawsuit against the convoy protest in Ottawa, in particular that GiveSendGo may be in breach of a freezing order on funds raised for the convoy on the website.
- **Freedom Convoy crypto holdings to remain frozen and in escrow pending lawsuit by Ottawa residents** – Monique Jilesen was quoted by Law Times on her recent court appearance on Monday, February 28 at the Superior Court of Justice where the Court ordered that crypto holdings donated for the freedom convoy protest remain frozen and placed into an escrow account pending the court's final decision on a proposed lawsuit against the convoy by Ottawa residents.
- **Ontario froze \$20 million in Freedom Convoy assets—now what? We asked Monique Jilesen, the Toronto-based lawyer who filed the injunction** – Monique Jilesen features in Toronto Life as the woman responsible for separating the leaders of the Freedom Convoy from millions of dollars in assets. She is interviewed about her recent success in obtaining a Mareva injunction, an extraordinary legal remedy, on behalf of the law firm representing the residents of Ottawa in a \$300-million class-action lawsuit against the convoy leaders and protestors.
- **'Freedom Convoy' donations frozen, could flow to Ottawa residents** – Monique Jilesen was quoted by CTV News Ottawa on how freezing the funds donated to the Freedom Convoy protest will benefit Ottawa residents and businesses affected by the protest if a proposed class action is successful.
- **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.
- **Superior Court freezes millions in cash and crypto donations raised by freedom convoy organizers** – Law Times interviewed Monique Jilesen on the legal test for a Mareva injunction, the implications of a successful freezing order on the Freedom Convoy leaders' assets, and the next steps for extending the order.
- **A civil law “nuclear bomb” to freeze organizers' assets** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in a La Presse article to discuss Lenczner Slaght's success in securing a Mareva order freezing the bitcoin and cryptocurrency of Freedom Convoy leaders to help benefit Ottawa class members.



- **Court Freezes Millions in Canadian Trucker Convoy's Donated Cash and Cryptocurrency** – Law.com International interviewed Monique Jilesen for her role in obtaining the first Mareva injunction freezing cryptocurrency in Canada for the benefit of Ottawa class members who are suing for damages against the leaders of the Freedom Convoy.
- **Rare legal move freezes cash, crypto tied to Ottawa protest** – Monique Jilesen was interviewed on CBC News: The National discussing her recent success in a rare legal move freezing the bitcoin and cryptocurrency of Freedom Convoy leaders. Click here for a clip of the interview.
- **Citizens group wins court-ordered freeze of convoy protest accounts, cryptocurrency** – In the Toronto Star, Lenczner Slaght lawyers, Monique Jilesen, Madison Robins, and Sarah Bittman are mentioned for their role in acting for Champ Law in a precedent-setting Mareva injunction that froze the bitcoin and cryptocurrency assets of the Freedom Convoy leaders.
- **Investors say millions are missing and a businessman can't be found. How an alleged Ponzi scheme played out** – CBC interviewed Monique Jilesen for her expertise in civil fraud and injunctions. She comments on how a Mareva injunction is a "powerful legal tool" to trace where and to whom money has been sent within Canada.
- **Lenczner Slaght's 21st Year at the Centre of the Lexpert Bull's Eye** – Lenczner Slaght continues to be recognized as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation by the 2022 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.
- **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.
- **So when are we going back to the office? Experts surveyed by the Star say almost certainly not in September** – The Toronto Star interviewed Monique Jilesen on Lenczner Slaght's plans for those who wish to return to the office in September.
- **Law Firms in Canada Turn to Rapid Screening Program for Office Returns Amid Fourth Wave of COVID** – Law.com International interviewed Monique Jilesen on our firm's voluntary COVID rapid screening program, which prioritizes the health and safety of our firm members who wish to work in the office.
- **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.

- **Financial Post Article** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in a Financial Post article on topics of insolvency. Monique provides her comments on the difficulty of predicting whether a company is on its way to insolvency, particularly during a pandemic.
- **Four years after Indigenous man’s human rights case, Cleveland removing ‘Indians’ from team name** – In a recent Law Times article, Monique Jilesen and Margaret Robbins reflect back on how the legal challenges over Cleveland’s name came to Canadian shores during the 2016 American League Championship Series.
- **Lenczner Slaght Achieves 20 Years at the Centre of the Lexpert Bull’s-Eye** – The 2021 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada continues to recognize Lenczner Slaght as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation.
- **Commercialist.com Receives Precedent Innovation Award** – Precedent Magazine recognizes commercialist.com, our one-stop shop for all things Commercial List, among the innovative people, projects and ideas that are improving the legal profession.
- **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.
- **Who’s Who Legal: Canada 2020 Recognizes Lenczner Slaght’s Expert Litigators** – In the latest edition of Who's Who Legal: Canada, Lenczner Slaght achieves eight recognitions in the Litigation chapter, with a total of ten expert litigators ranked.
- **Getting face time** – In the CBA National Magazine article titled "*Getting face time*", Monique Jilesen discussed how we have prioritized the development of our younger lawyers while working remotely
- **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.
- **Proposed Sinopec lawsuit highlights risk of underpaying workers on overtime** – Monique Jilesen was interviewed by the Globe & Mail in their article “Proposed Sinopec lawsuit highlights risk of underpaying workers on overtime”. In this article, Monique discusses the class action lawsuits that could arise from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **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.
- **Lenczner Slaght’s Expert Litigators Ranked in Who’s Who Legal: Canada 2019** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to be recognized for its exceptional litigation expertise.
- **Lenczner Slaght’s 19th Year at the Centre of the Lexpert Bull’s-Eye** – Canada’s leading litigation firm continues to be recognized as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation by the 2020 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada

- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Leading Litigation Lawyers** – Peers and senior members of the legal profession continue to recognize our expert lawyers among the foremost litigators 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.
- **Lenczner Slaght launches centralized website for commercial list** – Monique Jilesen was interviewed for the Law Times' recent article “*Lenczner Slaght launches centralized website for commercial list*” on June 21, 2019. In this article, Monique discusses the drive behind the launch of [commercialist.com](http://commercialist.com).
- **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Recognized for their Cross-Border Expertise** – Seven Lenczner Slaght lawyers are ranked as leaders by peers and senior members of the legal profession for their cross-border experience.
- **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.
- **Top 10 and More Deals** – Canada's leading litigation firm is proud to have acted in one of Lexpert's Top 10 Deals of 2018. *Algoma Steel Inc.* was featured in the February issue of Lexpert Magazine as one of the most impactful deals in Canada last year. Lenczner Slaght represented GIP Primus, L.P. and Brightwood Loan Services L.L.C. in connection with the sale of the port assets with a team consisting of Peter Griffin, Monique Jilesen, Scott Rollwagen, and Matthew Lerner.
- **Another Bull's-Eye for Canada's Leading Litigation Firm** – Lenczner Slaght is once again recognized as the #1 firm in Toronto for Litigation and Commercial Litigation by the 2019 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.
- **Forum Highlights Perspectives of Women in Litigation** – Monique Jilesen and Shara Roy were mentioned in the Lawyer's Daily article “*Forum Highlights Perspectives of Women in Litigation*” on December 5, 2018. The article revisits a Benchmark Women in Litigation panel, led by Monique Jilesen, and highlights the perspectives of the women panelists and their opinion on what can be done to bring more female voices to the table.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as a Top-Tier Litigation Firm by Legal 500** – Legal 500 recognizes Lenczner Slaght as the “best litigation boutique in Canada.”
- **Lexpert Recognizes Lenczner Slaght's Excellence in Litigation** – Our expert litigators continue to be recognized as the foremost litigators in their fields by peers and senior members of the legal profession.
- **Lenczner Slaght Recognized as a “Litigation Powerhouse”** –

Canada's leading litigation firm and its expert litigators continue to be recognized by world-renowned directory, Chambers & Partners.

- **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.
- **Crown must pay costs after being 'overly enthusiastic' –** Monique Jilesen was mentioned in the Law Times article "*Crown must pay costs after being 'overly enthusiastic'*" on July 30, 2018.

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Monique Jilesen, a partner at Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP, says lawyers must tread carefully when they get into the merits of a proposed class action, even as early as certification, as parties try to get as much information as possible.

That's especially the case with expert witnesses, since Canadian procedure doesn't usually have discovery of expert witnesses in advance of trial.

"It was just a disproportionate request to what was being asked," Jilesen says, who was not involved in the case.

- **Lenczner Slaght Partners Featured in Latest Benchmark Recognitions –** Benchmark Canada has recognized six Lenczner Slaght partners as the most talented litigators under 40 and two partners recognized as two of the top female litigators in Canada.
- **Lexpert Highlights Lenczner Slaght's Cross-border Expertise –** Nine partners from Canada's leading litigation firm are ranked as leading the way in cross-border practice excellence.
- **Lexpert Honours Monique Jilesen's Excellence in Litigation –** Lenczner Slaght is proud to announce Monique Jilesen has won the 2018 Lexpert Zenith Award for Mid-Career Excellence in the Corporate Commercial Litigation category.
- **Four Lenczner Slaght Litigators Elected to Join The Advocates' Society's Leadership –** We are proud to announce that Peter J. Osborne, Monique Jilesen, Shara N. Roy, and Chris Kinnear Hunter have been elected to prominent executive positions at The Advocates' Society, a preeminent organization dedicated to promoting effective advocacy and access to justice.
- **Lawyered Podcast –** Monique Jilesen is featured in the Commercial Law episode of the Lawyered Podcast hosted by Husein Panju. On this episode, Monique shares her insight and expertise on important Canadian legal issues in Commercial Law, including third-party litigation funding, summary judgement procedures and the development of the duty of good faith.
- **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.
- **Despite logo removal, Ontario Indigenous activist still pursuing Cleveland Indians complaint –** Monique Jilesen is quoted in the Canadian Press article *Ontario activist still wants to proceed with Cleveland Indians complaint, despite team dropping logo*, which has been picked up by the National Post, the Globe & Mail, and Global News

- . The article discusses the recent decision made by MLB and the Cleveland baseball team to discontinue the use of the discriminatory Chief Wahoo logo.
- **Cleveland Baseball Team Discontinues Chief Wahoo Logo –** Following a year and a half of ongoing litigation on this matter, Lenczner Slaght and Douglas Cardinal are delighted by the decision of Major League Baseball and the Cleveland baseball team to discontinue the discriminatory Chief Wahoo logo on the Cleveland uniforms beginning in 2019.
  - **MLB trying to steer 'Chief Wahoo' discrimination case away from Ontario human rights tribunal –** Monique Jilesen is quoted in the Toronto Star article *KMLB trying to steer 'Chief Wahoo' discrimination case away from Ontario human rights tribunal* on December 13, 2013.
  - **Lenczner Slaght Litigators Lead in the 2018 Lexpert/ALM 500 Rankings –** Canada's leading litigation firm is one of two firms with the highest number of lawyers ranked in Corporate Commercial Litigation in the 2018 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.
  - **The Fight Against Cleveland's Baseball Team Name and Logo in Ontario Continues –** World-renowned Canadian activist for Indigenous Peoples, Douglas Cardinal, is continuing the fight against the Cleveland's baseball team's name and logo.
  - **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.
  - **Lexpert's Big Suits: Essar Steel Algoma Inc. et al (Re), 2017 –** *Essar Steel Algoma Inc. et al (Re), 2017* featured in the 2017 issue of Lexpert/ROB Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers as one of the Top 5 Big Suits of 2017. In this particular litigation of significance, Lenczner Slaght's Peter Griffin, Monique Jilesen, and Matthew B. Lerner represented GIP Primus LP and Brightwood Loan Services LLC.
  - **Monique Jilesen Appears on the Cover of Lexpert as one of Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers –** Monique Jilesen appears on the cover of the 2017 issue of Lexpert/ROB Special Edition: Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers. She is also quoted in the article *The Anonymous Representative* where she discusses anonymous representative plaintiffs in Canadian class action law suits.
  - **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*.
  - **Monique Jilesen Inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers –** Lenczner Slaght is very proud to announce that Monique Jilesen has joined an elite group of international trial lawyers.
  - **Monique Jilesen of Lenczner Slaght Awarded Laidlaw Medal –** The Advocates' Society honours Monique Jilesen with the 2017 Douglas K. Laidlaw Medal for Excellence in Advocacy.
  - **Lenczner Slaght Shines in 2017 Lexpert Rankings –** Lenczner Slaght's litigators continue to be recognized by their peers as leading practitioners in their fields according to the 2017 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.
  - **23 Percent of Lenczner Slaght Lawyers ranked in Benchmark Litigation 2017 –**

12 Lenczner Slaght leading litigators are ranked in Benchmark Litigation's 2017 directory.

- **Lenczner Slaght lawyers recognized in Lexpert ALM 500 Guide** – Canada's leading litigation boutique leads all firms with 10 lawyers ranked in litigation practice areas in the 2017 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada ("ALM 500")
- **Third-party litigation funding** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in the Canadian Lawyer article *Third-party litigation funding* on January 3, 2017.
- **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.
- **Keeping it Affordable** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in the Lexpert / Report on Business article *Keeping it Affordable* from November 25, 2016.
- **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
- **Admissibility and Perceived Conflict** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in the article *Admissibility and Perceived Conflict* in the December 2016 issue of Lexpert Magazine.
- **Battle Over Cleveland MLB Team Name and Logo Moves to the World Series** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in the New York Times article *Battle Over Indians' Name and Logo Moves to the World Series* on October 22, 2016.
- **Cleveland Can Use Logo and Name in Toronto, Says Canadian Judge** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in the New York Times / AP article *Cleveland Indians Can Use Logo and Name in Toronto, Says Canadian Judge* on October 17, 2016.
- **Activist seeks injunction against Cleveland MLB team name and logo** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in the Canadian Press / TSN article *Activist seeks injunction against 'Cleveland Indians' name and logo* on October 16, 2016.
- **Monique Jilesen Quoted on ESPN.com** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in the ESPN article *Judge asks how ALCS will be played if Indians logo banned* on October 17, 2016.
- **Ontario makes a call, U.S. on hold** – Monique Jilesen is quoted in the article *Ontario makes a call, U.S. on hold* from the July 2016 issue of *The Bottom Line*.
- **Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Ranked Best** – Nearly half of the firm's lawyers recognized among Canada's foremost practitioners
- **Advocacy Matters: Hitting Your Stride** – Monique Jilesen is mentioned in the June issue of *Advocacy Matters*, with insight on how to manage your relationships via social media.
- **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 Scores Bull's Eye in Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada** – Canada's leading litigation practice once again tops the list of litigation firms in the 2016 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.
- **Lenczner Slaght Leads in Cross-Border Litigation** – Recognition of Lenczner Slaght lawyers as Canada's Leading Cross-Border Litigators

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- **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.
- **Ruling offers guidance on oppression versus derivative actions** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in Law Times on August 17, 2015 on the Court of Appeal decision in *Rea v. Wildeboer* involving a public company where the specific allegations, essentially of insider trading or self-dealing, solely involved harm to the corporation as opposed to harming the specific interests of a shareholder.
- **20 Lenczner Slaght Lawyers Recognized in 2015 Lexpert Directory** – Recognized by Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory as leading practitioners.
- **'Unprecedented' Nortel ruling spans Canadian and U.S. Courts** – Monique Jilesen was quoted on the decision in the Nortel Networks Corporation case both by the Lawyers Weekly on June 19, 2015 and the July issue of Bottom Line Newspaper published by Lexis Nexis Canada Inc.
- **Unique harm needed to pursue oppression claim** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in Canadian Lawyer on May 27, 2015 regarding the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Rea v. Wildeboer*.
- **Lessons from the Nortel case** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in the May 18, 2015 issue of Law Times regarding the decision in Nortel Networks Corporation (Re), 2015 ONSC 2987.
- **Move towards online dispute resolution gathers steam** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in Law Times on whether online courts and dispute resolution are in Ontario's future and what that would mean to lawyers.
- **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.
- **Recognized as Canada's Leading Litigators** – Lenczner Slaght Lawyers listed in the year-end Lexpert Special Edition published in conjunction with Report on Business magazine.
- **How will Fulawka affect overtime cases?** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in the September 1, 2014 issue of Law Times regarding overtime cases in Ontario.
- **Criminal decisions on privacy rights could affect civil cases** – Monique Jilesen was quoted in the August 4, 2014 issue of Law Times on privacy interests of Internet subscribers.
- **Lenczner Slaght Increases Rankings in 2014 Lexpert Directory** – Canada's leading litigation practice continues to add new names to the list.
- **Law Society Prosecution : Penalty Hearing** – Monique Jilesen presents on Preparing and Conducting an Effective Examination-in-Chief at the Advocates' Society Civil Litigation Skills Certificate Program on December 6, 2012.
- **Lexpert Rising Stars** – Monique Jilesen honoured with Lexpert Rising Star award.
- **Lawyer of the Year** – Monique Jilesen presents on the use of Receiver's in family law at the Law Society of Upper Canada Six-Minute Family Law Lawyer 2012 program on December 5, 2012.
- **Ruling on bank speaks to contract honesty** – Tom Curry, Monique Jilesen and Brendan Gray, counsel to Devonshire Trust, successfully defended against a \$1.2 billion claim by Barclays Bank PLC.
- **Barclays loses legal battle over ABCP** – Tom Curry, Monique Jilesen

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### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Law Foundation of Ontario  
Member, Class Proceedings Committee
- Commercial List Users' Committee  
Member
- The Advocates' Society  
Former Chair of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
- Women's White Collar Defense Association
- Turnaround Management Association
- United Way Greater Toronto  
Member, 2022 Major Individual Giving (MIG) Cabinet and Women United
- Ontario Trial Lawyers Association Moot  
Former Coach, Osgoode Hall Law School
- Osgoode Hall Law School  
Former Adjunct Professor
- Gale Cup Moot Committee  
Past Chair