



Nikolas De Stefano

NIKOLAS DE STEFANO

is an associate at Lenczner Slaght.

Nikolas' developing litigation practice covers a broad range of areas including commercial disputes, professional liability and regulation, civil matters, public law and class actions.

Prior to joining the firm, Nikolas worked as an associate at a leading litigation boutique in Montreal. Before that, he served as a judicial law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Rosalie Abella where he assisted her with appeals on a variety of civil, criminal and public law matters.

Nikolas received a dual bachelors of law from McGill University. In law school, Nikolas excelled academically, graduating on the Dean's list and winning a number of academic prizes throughout his studies. He also worked as a research assistant and volunteered at the faculty's legal clinic where he provided legal information to the public and represented students accused of various disciplinary and academic offences.

Education

McGill University, Faculty of Law
(2020) JD/BCL

Bar Admissions

Ontario (2022)
Québec (2020)

Practice Areas

Appeals
Arbitration
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Defamation and Media
Employment
Injunctions
Investigations
Product Liability
Professional Liability and Regulation
Public Law

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RECOGNITION

- Stanley Kandestin, Q.C. Prize (2020)
McGill University, Faculty of Law
- Wainwright Essay Prize (2019)
McGill University, Faculty of Law
- Daniel Mettarlin Scholarship (2018)
McGill University, Faculty of Law

SELECT CASES

- **Empire Steel Inc v 2469521 Ontario Inc** – Counsel to the Defendants in an action arising from an alleged breach of a supply agreement.
- **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.
- **The Corporation of the City of Kingston v Jason English et al** – Counsel to the City of Kingston in an application for a permanent injunction which involved a *Charter* Challenge to one of its by-laws.
- **Public Order Emergency Commission** – Counsel to Former Ottawa Police Chief Peter Sloly in a Judicial Inquiry into the circumstances that led to the declaration of emergency that was in place from February 14-23, 2022, and the measures taken for dealing with the emergency.

- **Independent Investigation** – Independent investigation into allegations of bullying and breach of policy by a senior official.
- **City of Hamilton Judicial Inquiry** – Counsel to the City of Hamilton in a Judicial Inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway.

SELECT NEWS ARTICLES

- **Lenczner Slaght Welcomes Nikolas De Stefano** – Canada’s leading litigation firm adds another exceptionally talented lawyer to its talent pool.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates’ Society
- Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario