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*Plaintiff Class Actions*

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## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- ◆ Associate lawyer, Lerners LLP (2016 to present)
- ◆ (Professional) – Lecturer, Western Law, Appellate Advocacy – Wilson Moot Team, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020
- ◆ Judicial Law Clerk, Court of Appeal for Ontario (2015 to 2016)
- ◆ Summer Student, Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP (2014)
- ◆ Canadian Armed Forces Officer, Primary Reserve, 1st Hussars, London (2011 to present)
- ◆ Director, Board of Directors, Changing Ways
- ◆ Director, Board of Directors, Urban Roots London

## NOTABLE CASES

- ◆ Appearances at all levels of court in Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada
- ◆ 1688782 Ontario Inc. v. Maple Leaf Foods Inc., 2020 SCC 35, aff'g 2018 ONCA 407
- ◆ Krieser v. Garber, 2020 ONCA 699
- ◆ Alkin Corporation v. 3D Imaging Partners Inc., 2020 ONCA 441
- ◆ Tuffnail v. Meekes, 2020 ONCA 340
- ◆ Farej et al v. Fellows, 2020 ONSC 3732
- ◆ King v. King, 2019 ONCA 950

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- ◆ Peralta v. Peralta, 2019 ONSC 2852 (appeal from arbitration decision)
- ◆ Northern Bruce Peninsula (Municipality) v. Dolson, 2018 ONCA 895
- ◆ Fanshawe College v. Hitachi, Ltd. et al, S.C.J. File No.: 59044CP (London) (Acted as amicus to the Superior Court of Justice on a class counsel fee approval motion)
- ◆ Kapoor v. Kuzmanovski, 2018 ONSC 4770
- ◆ Isaac et al v. Matuszynska, 2018 ONCA 177, leave to appeal to S.C.C. dismissed 2018 CanLII 105395
- ◆ Kueber v. Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, 2018 ONCA 125, leave to appeal to S.C.C. dismissed 2019 CanLII 3754
- ◆ Dale v. Frank, 2017 ONCA 32, leave to appeal to S.C.C. dismissed 2017 CanLII 66745
- ◆ Elguindy v. St. Joseph's Health Care London, 2017 ONSC 4247, 2017 ONSC 5360 (Div. Ct.)
- ◆ Hollowcore Incorporated v. Visocchi, 2016 ONCA 600, leave to appeal to S.C.C. dismissed 2017 CanLII 4183

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ ["Reinforcing the Primacy of Privilege: Lizotte v. Aviva Insurance Company of Canada and Alberta \(Information and Privacy Commissioner\) v. University of Calgary"](#), Paper delivered at the 12th Annual Straight from the Bench Civil Litigation Conference, Middlesex Law Association, London, ON, 8 June 2017
- ◆ "Heroic or Hypocritical: Corporate Social Responsibility, Aboriginal Consultation, and Canada's Extractive Industries Strategy" *Journal of Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems* 25 1 (2016)
- ◆ "20 Years Lost – Time for Change in Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights" *Journal of Environmental Law and Practice* 27, 1 (2015)
- ◆ "Foreign Classes Bringing Canadian Actions: Lessons Learned from the Case against Anvil Mining Limited", *Canadian Class Action Review* 9, 2 (2014)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Business London Top Twenty in their 20s Award
- ◆ Recipient, Canada 150 Medal, Parliament of Canada (2017)
- ◆ Trandafir Writing Competition Prize in Transnational Law (2015)
- ◆ 1st Place Written Arguments, Oralist Prize, Jessup International Law Moot (2014)
- ◆ Harvey T. Strosberg Essay Prize in Canadian Class Actions (2013)
- ◆ Royal Canadian Armour Corps Student-Soldier Achievement Bursary (2013)
- ◆ Cohen Highley LLP Award, Western Law (2014)
- ◆ Winner, Lenczner Slaght Legal Ethics Advocacy Competition (2013)
- ◆ Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (2012)
- ◆ Garrison Community Council Student Bursary, Canadian Armed Forces (2012)
- ◆ UWO Gold Medal, Honours Specialization in International Relations (2012)

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- ◆ The Advocates' Society
- ◆ Middlesex Law Association
- ◆ Canadian Bar Association
- ◆ Ontario Bar Association
- ◆ (Volunteer) – Coach/Trainer, London Bandits Minor Hockey Association, London Junior Mustangs Hockey Association, Dorchester Minor Hockey Association, 2014-Present
- ◆ Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

## EDUCATION

- ◆ Admitted to the Ontario Bar (2016)
- ◆ Juris Doctor, Western University Faculty of Law (2015) - Graduate with Distinction
- ◆ Master of Arts (History), Western University, Department of History (2015)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Western University, Faculty of Social Science (2012) – Gold Medalist