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***Reflection Report***

The Fox Scholarship is an opportunity of a lifetime to experience Toronto and learn from leading Canadian lawyers. As a Fox Scholar, I joined the cohort of Articling Students at Lenczner Slaght LLP. As I settled in the city in October 2023, I was greeted with a warm welcome by people at the firm.

You are encouraged to assist a range of lawyers as a Fox Scholar, instead of reporting to one supervisor during the placement. By working with many different litigators over the ten months, I appreciated a variety of advocacy styles. I gained exposure to the firm’s practice areas across medical malpractice, commercial litigation, corporate shareholder disputes, international arbitration, and securities regulation. I cultivated a deeper awareness of how litigators prepare for trial and appellate proceedings, and the importance of applying commercial common sense.

Canada has an incredibly rich legal history. While you are based in Ontario for the scholarship year, I encourage any future scholars to explore the law on Indigenous Peoples’ rights and the systems of other provinces, such as Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. Every day was a chance to learn something new. Having never studied Canadian law before, there was a steep learning curve, but I enjoyed the challenge. I often reflected on the first principles of my common law background to figure out a starting point for my analysis.

Outside of casework, I attended firm events and enrolled in further courses, organised in-house by Lenczner Slaght, the Ontario Bar Association and The Advocates Society in Canada. The Fox scholarship program includes a membership for continuous professional development, which I found incredibly helpful to understand life as a practising lawyer.

My personal highlights of the year include a secondment at the Ontario Court of Appeal and assisting with a case before the Ontario Capital Markets Tribunal. I enjoyed getting to know people at the firm and at Osgoode Hall, and I felt inspired by the dedication and tenacity of people I worked with.

The Fox Scholarship has been transformative to my professional and personal development. It was my first time moving to another country alone to work abroad, so I hold dear the people I connected with in Toronto who took time to show me around. Toronto is a vibrant and diverse ‘city of neighbourhoods’, with plenty of places to explore at the weekend. To this day, I keep in touch with the mentors and friends I made in the city. I remain grateful to the Fox Trustees for their support throughout.