



# Moot Court

## WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL 1L LRW MOOT AT RYERSON LAW!

On **November 30, 2020**, the Ryerson Moot Court will decide:

For Professors Pnina Alon-Shenker and Maanit Zemel:

- *Should Dr. Khan's defamation action against Ms. Marcus be dismissed because it is a SLAPP?*

For Professors Hilary Evans Cameron, Imtenan Abd-el-Razik and Anthony Navaneelan:

- *Was Ms. Wen a "people smuggler"? Or was she wrongfully detained?*

### MEET THE JUDGES

In the Anti-SLAPP Motion:



#### Monica Goyal

Monica Goyal is a lawyer, engineer, and serial entrepreneur. Currently, she is the Director of Legal Innovation for Caravel Law and a part-time member of the Condominium Authority Tribunal. She founded My Legal Briefcase, an innovative platform that provides efficient and democratic legal solutions for small businesses, and Aluvion Law, a flat-fee law firm that provides accessible and affordable legal solutions.

Monica has a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Waterloo, as well as a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. She began her career working for major telecommunications companies such as Toshiba, Nokia, and Nortel, before earning her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Monica is a former Adjunct and Visiting Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she taught law and technology courses. Currently, she teaches with the Institute of Future Law Practice. Monica has spoken at many conferences on law and technology, and has written extensively on law and technology for national and international press. She has been named as one of the 10 Women to Watch in Tech in the Journal of the American Bar Association and has won a 2017 Fastcase 50 Award.



#### Karen Phung

Karen Phung is a commercial litigation lawyer practicing in Miller Thomson's Toronto Office. Karen's broad commercial litigation practice has given her the depth and breadth of experience to take on a variety of cases—from small claims court actions to multi-million-dollar claims. Karen routinely advocates for her clients before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Divisional Court, and the Ontario Court of Appeal. Her practice is focused on commercial contract disputes, debt recovery and real estate litigation. As a passionate litigator, Karen has extensive experience representing clients at contested motions and trials.



#### Myrna Tulandi

Myrna Tulandi is a lawyer member at the Consent and Capacity Board of Ontario, as well as a mentor at the Law Practice Program at Ryerson University. She is experienced as a business lead in data and knowledge products, having worked with domestic and global stakeholders to develop and manage product direction and related roadmaps in consequence to Canadian privacy legislation, market sensibilities around data privacy and security, as well as other legislation relating to credit reporting. She has practiced at bilingual law firms in Toronto and Montreal, with a focus on corporate law, commercial litigation and trademarks matters.

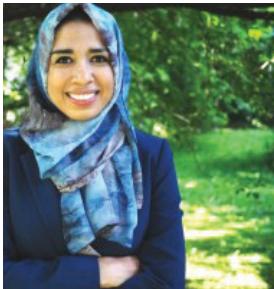
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### **Maanit Zemel**

Maanit Zemel is a co-instructor of the LRW course at Ryerson's Faculty of Law. Maanit also teaches Internet Law, Business Law and International Law at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management, and at the University of Toronto. Maanit is a founding Partner of Zemel van Kampen LLP, a technology law and litigation law firm in Toronto, Ontario. Maanit has over 15 years of experience in Internet law, civil and commercial litigation. Maanit has successfully represented clients before all levels of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. She is a former Member of the Ontario Landlord and Tenant Board, where she adjudicated disputes between residential landlords and tenants.

### **In the Summary Judgment Motion:**



### **Imtenan Abd-el-Razik**

Imtenan Abd-el-Razik is a refugee and immigration lawyer in Toronto. She obtained her law degree from the University of Toronto in 2010. In 2012, she worked in Cairo representing African refugees before the UNHCR and returned to begin her practice in Toronto in 2013. With Arabic fluency, Imtenan's focus is on Middle East and North African refugee claims. She also volunteers with the Human Rights Committee of the National Council of Canadian Muslims and was a founder of the Canadian Association of Muslim Women in Law (CAMWL). After working in private practice for nearly a decade, Imtenan recently joined the Waterloo Region legal aid clinic.



### **Paul Banwatt**

Before rejoining Gilbert's LLP, Paul Banwatt served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of the 3D scanning start-up Matter and Form Inc. Paul has spoken on law and emerging technologies for IPIC, AIPLA, AMMPI, INTA, and the USPTO. Paul's 3D printing and scanning law blog, Law in the Making, was featured in the March/April 2014 issue of Landslide, the intellectual property magazine of the American Bar Association. Paul's practice includes high tech IP litigation, emerging technologies and entertainment law.

Paul has also had a successful career as a musician. Paul's band, The Rural Alberta Advantage, has received two Juno nominations, a CBC Music Award, the Galaxie Rising Star Award, played the Coachella Music Festival, and continues to appear on Billboard sales and radio charts. Paul's music has been featured in numerous publications including Spin, NME, Playboy Magazine, and The New York Times.



### **Zarya Cynader**

Zarya Cynader of Gilbert's LLP works in litigating, evaluating, and securing patents and other intellectual property rights for clients in a variety of innovation-driven industries. Zarya is equally at home advocating for leading pharmaceutical and technology enterprises in "bet-the-company" patent litigation or advising biotech startups on how to develop a global IP strategy on a shoestring budget. Clients call on her to opine on patent infringement and validity, troubleshoot market issues, and navigate complex legal and regulatory environments to ensure successful product launches.

Zarya is licensed to practice law in Ontario and New York. Her practice routinely involves coordinating Canadian litigation in the context of multi-jurisdictional disputes and advising on cross-border aspects of IP strategy. She sits on several committees of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada and speaks and writes on IP and litigation topics. As an adjunct faculty member at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, she works with the Structural Genomics Consortium to educate the next generation of creative biotech lawyers and advance the legal frontiers of open science.



### John Durland

Also, with Gilbert's LLP, John Durland completed his Bachelor of Commerce at McGill University in 2015 and his legal studies at Western University in 2018. While at Western, John engaged in the student community as President of the Student Legal Society and co-founded the Western Law Futurists, a student organization focusing on law and technology. John takes a keen interest in entrepreneurship and early-stage ventures, the impacts of emerging technology on law, and IP litigation.



### Andrew Moeser

Andrew Moeser of Gilbert's LLP, knows his way around a scientific study as well as he knows his way around a courtroom. Possessing a master's degree in biology and having worked as a coordinator of a phase III clinical trial, Andrew is that special combination of litigator and scientist that brings a deep practical understanding to the issues facing clients. Andrew has represented clients before all levels of court in Ontario, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, and the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Andrew is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, where he supervises a legal clinic providing assistance to the Structural Genomics Consortium, a not-for-profit public-private partnership that engages in pre-competitive basic science research to facilitate and enable the discovery of new medicines. In addition to pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, Andrew's practice focuses on tech, energy, and environmental matters.



### Anthony Navaneelan

Anthony Navaneelan was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2010 and has practised exclusively in the field of immigration and refugee law since that time. After five years in private practice, he joined Legal Aid Ontario's Refugee Law Office in 2015, where he currently works as a staff lawyer. Anthony has appeared before all divisions of the Immigration and Refugee Board and has represented clients at all levels of the federal judiciary, including in the Supreme Court of Canada. Since 2014, he has served as a member of the National Executive of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, including as co-Chair of its National Litigation Committee and, since 2019, as its Vice-President. Anthony also sits on the Federal Court's Immigration and Refugee Law Liaison Committee. Anthony is an immigrant to Canada with his family descending from Sri Lanka, where he remains active in international development projects focused on childhood education.

**GOOD LUCK!!!**