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Since 1964, Devry Smith Frank *LLP* has been a trusted advisor and advocate for corporations, individuals and small businesses. These enduring relationships form the cornerstone on which the firm is built. We have grown in recent years and are now a group of 43 lawyers, 5 licensed paralegals, 28 law clerks, and 22 administrative staff.

We have expertise in most areas of corporate and personal law. We pride ourselves on providing approachable, professional and affordable client-tailored service. We work as a team to provide you with the expertise and resources required to achieve the best possible legal result.

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OUR COMMERCIAL LITIGATION TEAM

Larry W. Keown, B.A., LL.B.

Larry completed his honour arts degree in Psychology and Sociology at Brandon University in Manitoba and his law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School. After articling at the firm in 1995/1996, Larry was called to the Bar in 1997 and admitted as a partner in the firm in 2003. In recent years, Larry has assumed the role of co-managing partner of the firm.

Larry has practised with the firm since 1997 as a litigator in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate law and employment law including: commercial landlord and tenant litigation, leasing disputes, real estate and mortgage litigation, banking recovery litigation, title insurance litigation, bankruptcy, receivership and insolvency, wrongful dismissal and employment law, oppression remedy and shareholder disputes, franchise disputes, construction lien litigation, injunctions, estate litigation, partnership litigation, commercial contract disputes and collections.

Larry's clients include a broad range of individuals, corporations and institutions including: major banks, lenders, title insurers, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, shareholders, employers, employees, commercial landlords, commercial tenants, property managers, insurers and others.

He has significant courtroom experience, having appeared before the Small Claims Court of Ontario, the Superior Court of Justice, the Divisional Court in Ontario and the Ontario Court of Appeal on numerous motions, applications, trials and appeals.

Larry has also appeared before many tribunals including: the Financial Services Commission, the Work Place Safety and Insurance Tribunal and the Ontario Labour Relations Board. He also has participated in many alternative dispute forums including: arbitrations and mediations.

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Lawrence Hansen, B.A. (Hons.), B.C.L., LL.B.

Lawrence Hansen joined the firm in 2005 after a year studying Spanish and living in South America and Mexico. Since his 1998 call to the Bar in Ontario, Lawrence has worked exclusively in litigation, acting for individuals, businesses and large corporations. His practice embraces a broad range of commercial, insurance and other litigation, including debt recovery, employment disputes, oppression matters, construction lien, injunctions, personal injury as well as cases involving fraud and arson, property insurance claims, policy coverage disputes and subrogation.

A graduate of the National Programme at McGill University's Faculty of Law, Lawrence earned both a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and a Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) in 1995. He started his career at a leading firm of civil litigators in Montreal and relocated to Toronto in 1998.

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Shawna M. Sosnovich, LL.B

Shawna was called to the Bar in 1999 after completing her Bachelor of Laws degree at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1997. Prior to joining Devry Smith Frank *LLP*, Shawna practiced in the areas of civil and commercial litigation with a well-respected GTA law firm, where she gained valuable experience in contractual disputes, debt collection, civil fraud, employment and bankruptcy and insolvency matters.

Shawna joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2007 and currently practices in the areas of commercial litigation, insolvency, debt recovery and employment law for a variety of institutional clients as well as small and medium-sized businesses and individuals. Her clients include many of Canada's major banks, title insurers, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, employers, employees, commercial landlords, builders, professional advisors and others.

Shawna has extensive courtroom experience and has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Small Claims Court and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Shawna has been counsel at many private mediations. Cases in which Shawna has appeared as counsel have been reported in the Ontario Reports and other industry reporting services.

Shawna is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. She is an active member of the fundraising committee for the Dr. Jay Charitable Foundation, which provides palliative care, funding and support for children.

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James M. Satin, B.A., LL.B.

James is a partner of the firm and practices with our litigation group in the areas of debt recovery, bankruptcy and insolvency, and commercial litigation.

James is a graduate of McGill University (B.A. in Psychology, 1996) and the University of Western Ontario (LL.B, 1999). He holds a Certificate in Mediation from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre at the University of Western Ontario. James was called to the Bar in 2001.

James' practice focuses primarily in the areas of secured and unsecured debt recovery and bankruptcy and insolvency. He has acted as counsel for many Canadian chartered banks and other financial institutions on hundreds of recovery matters. James has expertise in the most effective, and cost efficient methods for recovering debts, both prior to and following judgment. James works with trustees, receivers, property managers and other professionals to secure the timely realization of secured assets, and to maximize recovery on collection matters. James has had considerable success resolving collection proceedings on an expedited basis, thereby reducing the expense to the client and speeding up the recovery process. He has had excellent results at trial and on appeal.

James' expertise in commercial litigation includes contract disputes, real estate litigation, products liability, construction litigation, employment litigation and wrongful dismissal, estate litigation, defamation and fraud actions. He has acted for clients ranging from multinational corporations and global professional services organizations to small and medium sized businesses and individuals. He has experience with all facets of the litigation process, including interim and permanent injunctions, interlocutory motions, Mareva injunctions and other motions for preservation of property, court ordered and private receiverships, motions for summary judgment, examinations in aid of execution, seizure and sale of secured assets, Sheriff's sales of both real and personal property, contempt proceedings and mandatory and private mediations.

He has both trial and appellate experience and frequently appears before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and has appeared before the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Ontario Divisional Court. James has spoken at numerous seminars on topics relating to debt collection.

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L. Viet Nguyen, B.A. (ACS), LL.B.

Viet is a two-time graduate of the University of Western Ontario, receiving his Bachelor of Arts (Administrative and Commercial Studies) in 1998 and then completing his Bachelor of Laws in 2001. After completing his articles, he was called to the Bar in 2002.

Viet continued his career as an associate with a medium size multi-service law firm in Toronto, where his practice included commercial litigation, corporate and shareholder disputes, bank recovery, collection and secured enforcement law.

His practice later shifted to focus more heavily upon bankruptcy and insolvency law (including acting for Trustees, Receivers and Monitors appointed under the CCAA), commercial litigation, employment law, and construction law.

Viet has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court, the Commercial List in Toronto, the Bankruptcy Court, the Construction Lien Court, the Divisional Court, the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Ontario Labour Board, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal. He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Toronto Lawyer's Association, the Advocates' Society, the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers and the Law Society of Upper

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J. Matthew Sack, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B.

Matthew is a graduate of the University of Toronto where he obtained his Honours B.A. in Political Science and English Literature. While at the University of Toronto, he was a Dean's List scholar and graduated with Distinction.

Matthew received his LL.B from the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, and was the recipient of the Cassels Brock & Blackwell *LLP* Millenium Scholarship in Constitutional Law. While at the University of Windsor he worked at the university's Community Legal Aid program for three years and participated in the Zuber Moot competition.

Matthew articulated with Devry Smith & Frank *LLP* where he received a broad exposure to a variety of areas of litigation with an emphasis on mortgage enforcement and insurance defence. He was called to the Bar in 2003 following successful completion of the Bar Admission Course in Toronto.

Matthew practices in the areas of mortgage remedies, commercial litigation, insurance defence litigation and personal injury litigation.

Matthew is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Ontario Bar Association. He is also a Notary Public.

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Carrie Kennedy, B.A., LL.B.

Carrie is a graduate of Simon Fraser University (B.A. in Criminology) and Queen's University (LL.B.). She was called to the Bar in British Columbia in 2003 after articling with a national law firm. In 2004, she moved to Ontario and was called to the Ontario Bar.

Prior to joining Devry Smith Frank, Carrie practiced in the areas of civil and commercial litigation with a well-respected GTA law firm, where she gained valuable experience in debt collection, bankruptcy and insolvency, and general litigation matters including contract, negligence, fraud, construction, wrongful dismissal, and employment issues.

Carrie has appeared before the Ontario Small Claims Court, Superior Court of Justice, Divisional Court, Bankruptcy and Commercial Courts, the Residential Tenancies Board and the Committee of Adjustment.

Carrie is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association, where she is on the executive committee of the civil litigation section, and the Peel Law Association. As a member of the executive committee of the civil litigation section of the Ontario Bar Association, she has been involved in the development and presentation of educational programming such as dinner seminars and the 2007 Law Day for high school students.

Carrie joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2008. She currently practices in the areas of commercial litigation, insolvency, and debt recovery. She is also a Notary Public.
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Mark R. Mancini, B. Comm., MBA, LL.B

Mark was called to the Bar in 2005 after completing his Bachelor of Laws degree at University of Windsor in 2004. Mark joined Devry, Smith & Frank *LLP* in October 2007 and is practicing in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Insolvency and Debt Recovery.

Prior to joining the firm, Mark practiced law with a well-respected law firm where he gained valuable experience in commercial leasing and general commercial litigation matters with incidental insolvency matters. Mark has appeared before the Small Claims Court, the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal.

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Flora M. Poon, B. COM. J.D., LL.B.

Flora graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Commerce and subsequently completed the joint J.D./LL.B. program at the University of Windsor and the University of Detroit Mercy, receiving both an American and Canadian law degree. She was called to the bar in 2008 after articling with a litigation boutique firm in downtown Toronto where she worked as an associate soon after her articling.

Flora's interest in advocacy directed her practice towards the area of litigation, focusing in particular on disputes between commercial parties. Flora joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2010 and currently practices in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy, insolvency, construction liens, debt recovery, real estate litigation and employment law. She has extensive experience representing individuals and businesses and has appeared on matters before the Small Claims Court, the Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal.

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Marty Rabinovitch, B.A.H., LL.B.

Marty is a graduate of Queen's University (B.A.H. in Political Studies) and the University of Windsor (LL.B.). He received multiple academic awards from Queen's University and Upper Canada College. He was the recipient of the 2008 Gavel Award from the University of Windsor for the best written judgment of a student judge presiding over the Law 1 moots. He also participated in the Laskin Moot competition, where he presented his arguments in French.

Marty spent several summers working at Devry Smith Frank and articulated with the firm from 2009-2010. As an articling student, Marty was involved with many Small Claims and Superior Court matters. He has attended at examinations for discovery, settlement conferences and trials. Marty has also appeared before Masters and Superior Court judges on various motions and other matters and has also attended at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario.

Marty was called to the bar in 2010 and currently practises in the areas of insurance defence, commercial litigation and employment law.

While attending law school, Marty volunteered at Community Legal Aid at the University of Windsor and Pro Bono Students Canada. He is an avid tennis player, enjoys watching and umpiring baseball, and has travelled extensively in Europe.

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Christopher Statham, B.A., M.A., LL.B.

Christopher is a graduate from the University of Toronto (B.A. & M.A in Philosophy) and the University of New Brunswick (LL.B). He was called to the bar in 2011.

While at the University of New Brunswick Christopher, honed his advocacy skills as a participant in the Harrison Shield Competitive Moot and was the recipient of the McInnes Cooper Prize in Trial Practice. Christopher also volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada, was a tournament winner in the Law Students Society Debate Club, and served as Chair of the Moot Court Board.

Prior joining Devry Smith Frank *LLP* as a lawyer, Christopher articulated with us in 2010-2011 where he gained valuable experience working with our insurance defence, commercial litigation, banking and recovery groups. Christopher has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Small Claims Court and the Ontario Ministry of Labour.

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Alexandra is a graduate from the University of Western Ontario (B.A. in Finance & Administration) and received her Juris Doctor at the University Of British Columbia Faculty Of Law. She was called to the bar in 2011.

Alexandra has managed to make a regular appearance on the Dean's list during her time at the University of Western Ontario while obtaining her B.A. in business finance and administration. While pursuing her legal studies, she had been chosen as the sole recipient for the Graduating Class of 1967 Award at the University Of British Columbia Faculty Of Law, given only to those who demonstrate a wide array of success in the fields of academics, athletics, and community affairs.

Prior joining Devry Smith Frank *LLP* as a lawyer, Alexandra articulated with us in 2010-2011. She worked in many different practice areas of law and gained valuable experience working with commercial litigation matters, personal injury, employment law and banking and recovery team.

Alexandra has encompassed quite a few extra curricular activities while simultaneously completing law school. She has volunteered as a Program Coordinator with Pro Bono Students Canada, played both soccer and volleyball competitively, and traveled extensively throughout Australia, Thailand, and Europe.

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COMMERCIAL LITIGATION LAW CLERKS

Catherine Blauer

Catherine obtained her B.A. in History from McMaster University in 1995, and her Law Clerk Diploma from Centennial College in 1998.

Catherine joined the Insolvency and Recovery group at Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2001 and has worked in a variety of areas, with an emphasis on litigation, including recovery work, collections, bankruptcy and insolvency and general commercial litigation.

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Cora attended York University, where she majored in Law and Society and minored in Psychology.

She received her Law Clerk Diploma from Centennial College in 2002 and joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in January of 2005, where she currently works as Law Clerk for the collection/recovery team.

Her experience is in collection, commercial litigation, recovery, real estate and corporate law.

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Marian Gonsalves

Marian joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2011 as law clerk/legal assistant in our commercial litigation, banking recovery and bankruptcy and insolvency groups.

Marian has many years of previous legal experience working as a legal assistant, and an office manager at several well respected law firms and sole practitioners with a focus on employment and labour law files.

Marian obtained her Business Administration Diploma and has extensive skills and experience working with various software, accounting and data management program.

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Mison Yoon

Mison joined DSF in 2010 and works as a clerk in our commercial litigation, banking recovery and bankruptcy and insolvency groups.

She is a graduate of University of Toronto and majored in English and Criminology. Mison obtained her ILCO certificate from Humber and George Brown College. She also possesses an Office administration Certificate from Humber College. Mison was an instructor in the litigation procedures course as part of the law clerk diploma program at Humber College. Mison is an associate member of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario since 1998.

Mison has over 10 years of previous experience as a litigation law clerk at a large downtown law firm. She has experience in all areas of litigation, including commercial, insurance defence, product liability, employment, construction liens, personal injury, bankruptcy and insolvency and IP litigation.

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Nicole joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2011 and works as a collection law clerk in our collection/recovery team.

She obtained her Legal Administration Diploma from Durham College in Oshawa in 2009 and since then she has worked as mortgage enforcement law clerk and collections support officer at a midsize boutique law firm. She has experience in many aspects of civil litigation, establishing and monitoring payment proposals, dealing with mortgagors and clients, performing skip traces and preparing legal documents.

In her spare time, Nicole enjoys outdoor activities and one summer she worked as a Park Ranger in Killarney Ontario.

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COMMERCIAL LITIGATION LICENSED PARALEGALS

Natalee Pink

Natalee joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* as our in-house Licensed Paralegal specializing in Banking and Commercial Litigation, Collection, Small Claims Court, Provincial Court and Landlord and Tenant Board matters.

Natalee brings several years of practical experience in paralegal matters gained at well-respected law clinics, paralegal firms and law firms. She is a graduate of the Court & Tribunal Agent Diploma from Sheridan College. Natalee completed two years of the Bachelor of Applied Arts – Paralegal Studies at Humber College where she also received her Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

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Francina joins Devry Smith Frank *LLP* as our in-house Licensed Paralegal after spending three years of running her own paralegal practice. She brings several years of litigation experience in small claims, landlord and tenant, Provincial offences Act and Criminal offences matters.

Francina worked with Ministry of Attorney General as a Court Clerk and Court Reporter and gained valuable exposure to court appearances and liaison between clients, lawyers and judges. She is a graduate of Laurentian University in Sudbury with Bachelor of Arts in Law and Justice and Women Studies. She also possesses a Certificate in Dispute Resolution from York University. Francina is licensed with the Law Society of Upper Canada and is a commissioner for taking affidavits and oaths.

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