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Allyson Lee

Allyson Lee is a partner at Sherrard Kuzz LLP, a management-side employment and labour law firm in Toronto.

Allyson has represented clients before administrative tribunals, all levels of court and the Supreme Court of Canada. A former judicial law clerk at the Federal Court of Canada, Allyson has a strong background in administrative law and judicial review. Her expertise includes the full range of employment, labour, and human rights law, including acting as an independent investigator for complex workplace investigations on sensitive matters such as allegations of sexual assault, racism and discrimination, and workplace violence and harassment.

Allyson is an active member in numerous professional organizations, including the Canadian Association for Counsel to Employers' human rights committee.

Allyson obtained her J.D. from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Prior to law school she obtained an M.Sc. from Western University and a B.Sc. from Queen's University.

David Ang

David Ang is a Member at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. Before joining the IRB, David's practice focused on family law litigation and Legal Aid work, and he later taught as a full-time professor at Algonquin College in the law clerk and paralegal programs.

In 2020, David helped form the FACL Ottawa Committee, with a continuing mandate to highlight Asian representation in the Ottawa legal community, and to create programs that serve the needs of Asian law students and legal professionals in Ottawa.

David is a founding member of the County of Carleton Law Association's Diversity Committee. David also serves on the Ottawa Humane Society's Board of Directors.

David Spence-Valenzuela

David Spence Valenzuela is an Assistant Crown Attorney with the Ministry of the Attorney General in Toronto where he specializes in the prosecution of child abuse and internet child exploitation offences. Prior to joining the Crown Attorney's Office, David was a litigator at Stikeman Elliott LLP where he practiced civil litigation with an emphasis on professional liability and regulatory law. He has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Ontario as well as domestic and international arbitration panels.

David volunteers at The 519 Legal Clinic supporting 2SLGBTQ+ communities and with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, a national youth program administered by the Canadian Armed Forces. He teaches trial advocacy in the Law Practice Program at Toronto Metropolitan University and coaches

the OJEN Mock Trial competition for high school students. David is Co-Chair of FACL's 2SLGBTQ+ Committee and Co-Chair of the Partnerships Committees.

Hillson Tse

Hillson Tse is a Partner at RGZ Law in Toronto. In addition to a criminal and professional regulation defence practice, he also represents students in university academic misconduct proceedings. Hillson has defended clients in trial courts across Ontario, British Columbia, and Manitoba on charges ranging from homicide to corporate fraud.

Hillson is the current President of FACL and co-Chaired the 2024 Conference and Gala. He has chaired the FACL Mentorship Committee and the Advocacy and Policy Committee in his previous years as a Director.

Hillson is also a Director with the Hong Fook Mental Health Association which provides culturally competent care to Asian and Southeast-Asian communities in Toronto. He is an active member of the Criminal Lawyers' Association (CLA).

Hillson credits his ongoing legal progression to strong mentorship that started in law school and remains active in mentorship activities through organizations like FACL, the First-Generation Network, and the CLA. He also coaches the OJEN Mock Trial competition for high school students.

Kaitlyn Yau

Kate is a tax lawyer at Taxpayer Law where she handles tax litigation matters and judicial reviews.

Kate has been on the Board for 3 years as a Student Director and is elated to be returning as a Full Director. She has spent her prior three years working on various internal and external committees and initiatives with FACL and has most recently served as Secretary of the organization. Kate's priorities are governance, fiscal management and planning, wellness, and equity, inclusion, and diversity within the pan-Asian communities.

Prior to FACL, Kate was the Co-Chair and VP Finance of the Asia-Pacific Law Students' Association at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law. There, she created and organized the first mentorship program for Asian law students which is a continued program.

Kate looks forward to the incoming term and connecting with colleagues to continue to advance the interests of the Asian legal community and building a stronger, healthier community.

Megan Mah

Megan Mah is a Partner at WeirFoulds LLP. Her practice focuses on human rights, employment, administrative, regulatory and constitutional law. Megan regularly advises clients on human rights

matters, including policy drafting, requests for accommodation, and investigations. She has worked for clients including employees, private companies, public institutions, professional regulators, not-for-profit organizations, and universities.

Megan is currently the Co-Chair of FACL's Advocacy and Policy Committee and is a Past Chair of the Ontario Bar Association's Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Law Section. She is on the Board of the Racial Equity Screen Office, and was the recipient of the 2021 FACL Young Lawyer of the Year Award, and the 2023 Lexpert Rising Stars Award.

Chris Thompson (Student Director)

Chris Thompson completed his JD at Osgoode Hall Law School. He is an incoming articling student with the province's Human Trafficking Prosecution Team. At FACL, Chris serves on the Partnership Committee, securing sponsorship for the annual Conference and Gala. Outside FACL, Chris is a volunteer coordinator at HanVoice: A North Korean human rights charity. Chris leads over 150 volunteers at HanVoice, and has trained students across Canada to be human rights advocates. He is grateful to return for a second year as a Student Director.

Cindy Lui (Student Director)

Cindy is a recent graduate of the University of Windsor Faculty of Law and is clerking at the Superior Court of Justice. During law school, she was recognized with the J.W. Whiteside Award for her community involvement and held leadership roles as President of the Asian Law Students Organization, Co-Chair of the Women and the Law Publications Committee, and Project Lead for the Pro Bono Radio Show.

Cindy also holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, double majoring in Criminology and Ethics, Society, and Law. Cindy has been an active FACL volunteer throughout law school and hopes to create initiatives that celebrate the achievements of Asian Canadian lawyers while fostering a supportive space where Asian Canadian law students and lawyers feel empowered to be their authentic selves.

Cindy speaks conversational Mandarin and Cantonese. In her spare time, she enjoys visiting dog parks with her toy poodle Tofu, competing in trap shooting, and exploring local cafes with an iced matcha and a good book.

Dorothy Dinh Chan (Student Director)

Dorothy Dinh Chan is a rising 3L at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law (LASL) and a proud non-traditional law student. She is currently a Summer Law Student at the Family Responsibility Office, Legal Services Branch, and previously summered with the in-house counsel at Voestalpine High Performance Metals Canada in 1L. At the LASL, she served as Co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Law Students' Association in 2L and as the Director of Communications in 1L. Prior to law school, Dorothy graduated from the University of British Columbia and worked in clinical nutrition research

before pivoting to the content creation industry, where she built a social media research and content creation business. Outside of law, she is a mom to a young baby and a fierce advocate for underrepresented communities.

Lily Wang (Student Director)

Lily is an incoming 3L at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and is currently summering at Crawley MacKewn Brush LLP. During her 1L summer, she interned at Zhong Lun Law Firm in Shanghai, China, where she gained invaluable exposure to the differences between Chinese civil law and Canadian common law. At law school, she has served as Co-President of the Asia Law Society, an Associate Editor for the Journal of Law and Equality, and a volunteer with Downtown Legal Services. Originally from Calgary, Lily earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary, double majoring in Law & Society and Psychology. Through her involvement with FACL, she hopes to further promote cultural and professional exchange. Lily is fluent in Mandarin and is actively learning Japanese. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis, watching dramas, and engaging in photography.

Rui Zhang (Student Director)

Rui Zhang is a recent graduate of the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, and incoming articling student at the Ministry of the Attorney General, Crown Law Office – Civil (CLOC). During law school, he co-founded uOttawa's first Chinese Law Students Association, creating a platform to celebrate cultural identity and support student success.

Rui brings legal experience from all three levels of government, having supported a senator at the Senate of Canada, worked on complex civil litigation files at CLOC, and conducted municipal and planning law research at the City of Ottawa. Committed to equity, justice, and mentorship, Rui is passionate about empowering students and advancing inclusive opportunities through FACL.

Outside of law, Rui enjoys swimming, cycling, city walks—and caring for cats, especially Dragon Li, orange tabbies, and munchkins.

Tyler Li (Student Director)

Tyler is an incoming 3L at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law and a summer student at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP.

During his 2L year, he was awarded Best Presentation at the Ottawa Law Review's Annual Research Colloquium for his research on digital assets, banking, and securities law, and is the reigning national champion of the Adam F. Fanaki Competition Law Moot. His writing is forthcoming in the Canadian Competition Law Review.

Tyler was a varsity debater during his undergraduate studies, where he ranked among the top 25 globally at the World Universities Debating Championships and placed third in North America at the North American Universities Debating Championships.

Prior to joining Cassels, Tyler worked at international law firms in Hong Kong and China, focusing on private and public debt and equity financings. He currently serves as the Global Chief of Staff for an international legal news publication.

In his spare time, Tyler enjoys performing magic tricks, attending EDM festivals, and playing League of Legends.

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Alexis Eun Young Choi

Alexis Eun Young Choi is Legal Counsel at Hydro One Networks Inc., with a broad practice in corporate and securities law. Prior to law school, Alexis worked in project management at a regulatory body for physiotherapists, where she spearheaded national and provincial projects. She also has gained experience in quantitative and qualitative research, while working for a public opinion and market research company.

Alexis is an enthusiastic advocate for mentorship, access to justice, and equity, diversity, and inclusion in the legal profession. For several years, she has been actively involved with the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL) as the Treasurer and Secretary on FACL's board of directors and the Co-Chair of various committees, including the Conference and Gala, Mentorship, and Strategic Planning Committees. Also, she is a director on the board of Orchestra Toronto, one of Canada's oldest and largest volunteer orchestras that makes symphonic music accessible and supports emerging Canadian talent. In the past, Alexis has served as a director on the board of YWCA Toronto, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, girls, and gender diverse people. Alexis graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and obtained her M.A. and B.A. from University of Toronto.

Annie Hu

Annie Hu is a litigation associate at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, where she also completed her articles.

After serving as a Student Director on the FACL Ontario Board in 2023-2024, Annie is excited to return as a Full Member Director this year.

Annie obtained her J.D. at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she received the Dean's Gold Key Award to recognize her contributions to the law school community. Prior to law school, Annie graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Arts, double majoring in Music and Criminology, and minoring in Sociology. Annie is fluent in Mandarin and Taiwanese Hokkien.

At Osgoode, Annie served as the Co-President of the Asian Law Students Association and the Vice-Chair of Student Caucus. To help bridge the legal services gap, Annie worked at the Community and Legal Aid Services Program and the Investor Protection Clinic, both of which provide service to vulnerable community. Annie also participated in various negotiations and moots, and represented Osgoode in the 2023 Wilson Moot. As a first-generation law student, Annie is enthusiastic about mentorship. She mentors high school and undergraduate students through Law in Action Within Schools, and coaches undergraduate moot and mock trial teams.

In her spare time, Annie enjoys learning new languages, exploring cafés, and creating digital content. Annie is a classically trained pianist and violinist, and an amateur oboist.

David How

David How (he/him) is an associate in the Aboriginal Law Practice Group at Cassels Brock & Blackwell, where he advises Indigenous, government, and industry clients on Indigenous self-governance, the duty to consult, and treaty and impact benefit agreement negotiations. David is originally from Vancouver and summered, articled, and practiced there after graduating from McGill Law prior to moving to Toronto this year. He previously served on the Board of Directors of FACL BC and was the Advocacy Committee Chair and Co-Chair. In this capacity, David secured a $50,000 grant from the Law Foundation of BC which he used in part to start FACL BC's inaugural Journal. David is also a member of the Law Society of British Columbia's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee and the CBABC's Equity Subcommittee. Outside the practice of law, David is an avid frisbee and volleyball player and lover of travel, having been to all seven continents.

Jennifer Sun

Jennifer is an associate at McCarthy Tétrault LLP, with a practice in a broad range of banking and finance transactions. Jennifer completed her J.D. at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law where she was the 2021-2022 co-president of Asia Law Society, the 2021 O-Week Student Coordinator, and the visual coordinator of *Ultra Vires*, the Faculty's independent student newspaper. She also volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada.

Prior to law school, she obtained her Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Honours, Co-op) from the University of Waterloo and her Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Before embarking on this journey in the legal field, Jennifer was an urban planner for a few years at a global urban design and planning consultancy based in Toronto and worked on a full range of development and master plan projects in Canada and the United States.

Having lived in four countries, Jennifer is also fluent in Mandarin and Japanese. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys digital art and regularly collaborates with other international digital artists.

Jessica Chan

Jessica Chan is a corporate-commercial lawyer at Torkin Manes LLP, where she advises clients at various stages of their business—from inception, through growth, reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions. She draws on her previous experience as a litigator and real estate lawyer, combining these with her corporate expertise to develop practical solutions and handle disputes in commercial, operational and governance matters.

Jessica has been a sole practitioner, served in-house, and worked in small, medium and large firms. She has built her legal career by taking untraditional paths, and is passionate about helping lawyers navigate language, jurisdictional, systemic and cultural hurdles. Jessica is the current Co-Chair of the FACL Ontario Mentorship Committee and the Co-Founder of her firm's East Asian Lawyers Group.

Prior to law, Jessica was the Editor-in-Chief of Ricepaper, a nationally-distributed Asian Canadian magazine. Her board experience includes terms on health, literary, arts and charitable organizations. Jessica is a law graduate of Dalhousie University and holds a Masters of Publishing from Simon Fraser University.

Kenneth Yau-Wing Jim

Kenneth Yau-Wing Jim graduated from the University of Ottawa with an Honours BA in History with a second concentration in Criminology in 2004. He then graduated from the University of Windsor's Law School in 2007. Throughout his university career, Kenneth was heavily involved with volunteering and student associations. Kenneth articled with the union-side labour firm of Jewitt McLuckie and was called to the bar in 2008. Since his call, Kenneth has practiced criminal defence exclusively. Since 2009, Kenneth has been a staff lawyer with Legal Aid Ontario.

From 2010 to 2023, his practice was dedicated to criminal trials and appeals. He has defended charges ranging from theft under to first degree murder. He specialized in cases involving Charter violations and bringing applications to exclude evidence or to stay proceedings. He has appeared before all levels of trial and appeal court in Ontario, including the Ontario Review Board.

He is currently a Case Manager, in the Provincial Case Management Office, at Legal Aid Ontario. Kenneth dedicates a lot of time to the community, and legal profession. He is a volunteer in LSO's articling mentor program, a tutor for the barrister exam, and provides advice to other lawyers through the Coach and Advisor Network. He is also an active member of the Criminal Lawyers' Association and is a member of their Diversity Committee. He is the current president of the Association of Chinese Canadian Lawyers of Ontario, and sits on the board of directors for Coral Place (non-profit housing), PLASP (Peel Lunch and After School Program), St. Teresa of Avila Parent and School Council, and FACL's Policy and Advocacy Committee. He also is on the LSO's Equity Advisory Group, and also is vice-chair of RODA.

He also volunteers extensively with the Ontario Justice Education Network, and has coached high school students for mock bail and trial tournaments. His one team from Gordon Graydon Secondary became the first school to capture both bail and trial championship titles in the same school year. Kenneth is also a mentor through First Generation Network, and other initiatives at law schools. Kenneth's interests include collecting vintage shoes, homage watches, wok cooking, and using charcoal to burn his food.

Robert Shek

Robert Shek is an Intellectual Property lawyer at Fasken and is focused on providing strategic guidance in the field of trademarks, copyrights, and patents. He represents clients in all areas of technology, advising them on strategies for protecting and managing their intellectual property portfolios.

As part of his practice, Robert places an emphasis on ensuring that his client's intellectual property strategies align with their business objectives. Robert assists clients with the drafting and prosecution of patent applications, covering a range of technologies, including software, and computer-related technologies. He has extensive experience with matters involving patentability, validity, infringement, and enforcement of patent rights.

During the last few years, Robert has been a member of FACL Ontario has also served on the Membership Committee. Once a mentee of the FACL mentorship program, Robert gladly gives back by providing advice to students and builds on the mentorship he received by passing it to the next generation of legal professionals. More recently, Robert has also been a board member of FACL Ontario where he remains dedicated to advancing the mission of FACL Ontario and is enthusiastic about continuing his contributions to the board, fostering growth and mentorship within the community.

S.B. Light Go

Light completed B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Mathematics at Memorial University and LL.B. in Law at King's College London. He's lived many different cities around the world before arriving in Ottawa to join Engineers Canada.

Prior to this, Light worked as a legal counsel and corporate secretary within the technology sector where he provided legal expertise in due diligence, contract negotiation, compliance and board services.

As General Counsel for Engineers Canada, Light provides strategic solutions to all legal matters impacting the organization, including trademark protection, contracts, privacy, employment, policy development, intellectual property, and regulatory compliance. As corporate secretary, Light provides operational and oversight support to the Board.

Steven Wang

Steven Wang is a corporate attorney based in Toronto and serves as a lecturer at Harvard Law School (on US-China relations) and University of Toronto (on AI and governance). Steven began his legal career at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions and capital markets. He has also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard International Law Journal. Prior to legal practice, Steven founded a social enterprise in Asia supported by the Gates Foundation cultivating the next generation of social innovation leaders. Steven is a David Rockefeller Fellow at the Trilateral Commission and sits on the advisory board of Canadian International Council and board of Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers. Steven graduated with a B.A. from University of Toronto at Trinity College, J.D. from Harvard Law School and a Master of Public Policy from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Veenu Goswami

Veenu Goswami attended the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and was called to the Ontario Bar in 2018. His professional experience in law consists of a summer student position at a civil litigation boutique, clerkships at the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada, and his current position as Crown counsel at the Crown Law Office – Criminal. He has served as a member of FACL's Mentorship Committee and Awards Committee.

Victoria Yang

Victoria practices in plaintiff-side personal injury and class actions at Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP, in Toronto. In particular, Victoria is heavily involved in cases that disproportionately affect women and vulnerable individuals, for instance, talcum powder and ovarian cancer, and breast implants and lymphoma cancer. Prior to joining HSH, Victoria maintained a broad commercial litigation practice.

Outside of the office, Victoria has been actively involved with FACL, and currently co-chairs the mentorship committee. She also regularly volunteers her time with The Advocates Society, various continuing education programs, and Pro Bono Ontario. She will be teaching Insurance Law at Toronto Metropolitan University. In her free time, Victoria competed in salsa and bachata dancing and in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and enjoys rock-climbing and off-the-beaten path travelling.

William (Bill) Wu

Bill Wu maintains a dynamic and wide-ranging practice in competition law, antitrust, foreign investment and international trade.

Bill's competition law practice includes the full range of competition law matters, including merger reviews, supplementary information requests, competition litigation, internal investigations, cartel defence and class actions.

As part of his international trade law practice, Bill works on anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations involving the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

Bill is teaching Competition Law as an adjunct instructor at Queens' University Faculty of Law.

Bill is also an active member of the leadership of the Canadian Bar Association's National Competition Law Section and has assisted on a variety of competition and policy matters in the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law. He has testified before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology regarding amendments to the Competition Act.