



ALUMNAE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Shae-Lynn Chung is a first year associate at Stevenson Whelton LLP. She practices in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, personal injury, and medical malpractice. She represents both individuals and corporations in all aspects of litigation and dispute resolution. Shae-Lynn graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School where she was involved with the Community and Legal Aid Services Programme (CLASP). During her time at CLASP, Shae-Lynn developed her advocacy skills while successfully representing her clients in such matters as refugee claims, humanitarian and compassionate applications, and temporary residence permits for victims of family violence. Although she is early in her career, Shae-Lynn is passionate about supporting law students through mentorship initiatives such as the Osgoode Women's Network.

How did your articling experience prepare you and did it inform your decision to practice in commercial and civil litigation?

I've been lucky to work with an incredibly supportive team of lawyers, paralegals, and staff at my firm, both during articling and now as an associate. The transition from law student to articling to associate can be challenging, but it helps to know that the people I work with believe in me and have my back. I knew when I applied to article with Stevenson Whelton that I wanted to practice civil litigation (we're a litigation boutique), but that wasn't my plan when I started law school.

What is one piece of advice you received that helped you in law school?

Follow your interests, and don't be afraid of your interests changing. My initial interest in immigration law led me to join CLASP's Immigration Law Division, where I realized that I love written and oral advocacy, so I started to pursue opportunities in civil litigation. Law school is a time to learn what aspects of the law excite you, so lean into that.

How has mentorship played a role in your career?

As a first generation lawyer, mentorship has been key to learning the ins and outs of the industry. Whether it's how to make it through OCIs or how to deal with difficult opposing counsel, having a mentor means you don't have to go through it alone. On the flip side, being a mentor to law students has been so rewarding—it's one of my favourite parts of being a lawyer!