

GOLSA GHAMARI, JD

International Trade Lawyer and Legal Consultant

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario **June 2013**

Call to the Bar of Ontario

University of Ottawa, Faculty of Common Law, Ottawa, ON **2009-2012**

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude

- Common Law Students' Society, *VP Academic & 1st Year Rep*
- Jessup Public International Law Moot, *Canadian Champions, Top 20 Internationally*
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, *International Quarterfinalists*

University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts and Science, Scarborough, ON **2003-2008**

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

- Specialization in Political Science

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS LEGAL ADVISOR AT GREY, CLARK, SHIH AND ASSOCIATES LTD, OTTAWA, ON

Legal Counsel to President and CEO Peter Clark

September 2013 - Present

- Representing Canadian and international clients in matters relating to trade remedies, customs and investment disputes, and appearing before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal. Providing legal research, legal advice and litigation support to President on various areas of law including international trade, international policies, access to information and privacy.
- General research and advisory role on current international trade affairs, including status of various bi-lateral and multilateral free-trade agreements (ex. *NAFTA, TPP, CETA, WTO*).
- Extensive e-discovery of documents related to international contracts and sales, shipping, bills of lading, spreadsheets containing data, and amalgamating information into comprehensive report to be used in litigation.
- Business-related domestic and international travel to support clients and work on international files as necessary.
- **Representative work at the Federal Court:**
 - Prudential Steel ULC et al v AGC, Federal Court File Number T-843-15 (s. 18.1 Application for Judicial Review).
- **Representative work at the Federal Court of Appeal:**
 - Evraz Inc. NA Canada v Tenaris Canada et al, Federal Court of Appeal File Number A-182-15 (s. 96.1 appeal under the Special Import Measures Act);
 - Evraz Inc. NA Canada v. Tenaris Canada et al, Federal Court of Appeal File Number A-183-15 (s. 96.1 appeal under the Special Import Measures Act);
 - Prudential Steel ULC et al v Boly Pipe Co., Ltd et al, Federal Court of Appeal File Number A-185-15 (s. 96.1 appeal under the Special Import Measures Act);
 - Prudential Steel ULC et al v Borusan Mannesmann et al, Federal Court of Appeal File Number A-186-15 (s. 96.1 appeal under the Special Import Measures Act).

- **Representative work at the CITT and with the CBSA:**
 - Bicycles (Re), 2013 CanLII 77318 (CA CITT);
 - Unitized Wall Modules (Re), 2013 CanLII 91952 (CA CITT);
 - Seamless Carbon or Alloy Steel Oil and Gas Well Casing (Re), 2013 CanLII 16824 (CA CITT);
 - Certain OCTG AD/1404 Dumping File No. 4214-43, CV/139 Subsidy File No. 4218-40;
 - Oil Country Tubular Goods, Preliminary Injury Inquiry No. PI-2014-002;
 - Oil Country Tubular Goods, Inquiry No. NQ-2014-002;
 - Concrete Reinforcing Bar, Inquiry No. NQ-2014-001;
 - Certain Photovoltaic Modules and Laminates, AD/1405 Dumping File No. 4214-44, CV/140 Subsidy File No. 4218-41;
 - Photovoltaic Modules and Laminates, Preliminary Injury Inquiry No. PI-2014-003;
 - Photovoltaic Modules and Laminates, Inquiry No. NQ-2014-003;
 - Oil Country Tubular Goods, Expiry Review No. RR-2014-003;
 - Certain Steel Plate 8, AD/1406 Dumping File No. 4214-45, CV/141 Subsidy File No. 4218-42;
 - Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Plate and High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel Plate, Inquiry No. NQ-2015-001;
 - Carbon Alloy Steel Line Pipe, Inquiry No. NQ-2015-002;
 - Mertex Canada Inc., Appeal No. EA-2015-002.

GOLSA GHAMARI PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, OTTAWA, ON

Founder and Lawyer

September 2013 – Present

- Opened sole practitioner law practice/small business.
- GGPC is a boutique international trade and commercial litigation law firm.
- **Commercial and civil litigation:**
 - Representing individual and corporate clients on litigation disputes involving, among other things, interpreting domestic commercial contracts, shareholder disputes, international sales contracts, procurement and financial disagreements.
 - Draft and/or provide due diligence on commercial and employment contracts and court filings. Attending negotiation and mediation sessions.
- **Specialized Trial Lawyer:**
 - Litigation agent for non-litigation lawyers at different firms who require assistance with a legal file.
 - Conduct legal research and present findings to senior lawyers, drafting opinion letters and memoranda in various practice areas including foreign transactions, litigation, corporate, international sales and shareholder disputes.

- **Acting general counsel for corporate clients:**
 - Negotiating, drafting and providing legal advice on commercial, international and domestic contracts for corporate entities, including providing advice on arbitration clauses, indemnification and liability clauses, and jurisdiction clauses.
 - Providing further legal advice and assistance to CEOs, Presidents and VPs of these corporations on an as-needed basis on several areas of law as various issues arise during the day-to-day affairs of the corporation, including sales, contracts, real estate.

HAZLOLAW – BUSINESS LAWYERS, OTTAWA, ON

Lawyer working under association

May 2015 – December 2015

- Practiced International Trade Law and Business Dispute Resolution within a core team of specialized business lawyers on a temporary basis
- Areas of practice same as Ghamari Law.

MCMILLAN LLP, OTTAWA, ON

Articling Student

June 2012 – April 2013

- Drafted commercial contracts and court filings.
- Conducted legal research and presented findings to senior lawyers; wrote legal opinion letters, memoranda and conference papers in a variety of practice areas including competition, litigation, employment, environmental, privacy, commercial and real estate law.
- Worked in teams and individually to review documents for corporate due diligence and in response to litigation disclosure orders.

SCOUTS CANADA, OTTAWA, ON

Summer Law Student (Contract)

May 2011 – December 2011

- 3 month summer contract extended to 8 months upon end-of-contract performance review.
- Worked one-on-one with General Counsel to help manage day-to-day affairs of large national organization to ensure all work being done stays within the mandates of the organization. Assisted General Counsel in managing mandatory reporting responses as required by a large non-profit organization.
- Reviewed regulatory and governance policies, updated as necessary to ensure proper compliance with Access to Information and Privacy Act. Updated Privacy Policy currently located on Scouts Canada's website.
- Applied expertise and support to many ongoing projects in various areas of law related to the organization, including contractual drafting, insurance policy review, real estate law, privacy, reviewing contracts and litigation management.

VOLUNTEER & EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

NEPEAN CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Board Member, Executive Director-at-Large

June 2015 – Present

- Before election, worked closely with the rest of the board to prepare the riding for the upcoming federal election and assisted with organizing and running the Nepean nomination.
- Worked with Conservative Party of Canada federal candidate, campaign team, and board during the 2015 federal election.
- After the election, remained on the board to build up CPC profile in riding and prepare for 2019 election and candidate nomination process.
- Attended Conservative Party of Canada convention in Vancouver from May 26-28 as a delegate from Nepean in order to participate in voting on key constitutional and policy issues.

OTTAWA WEST-NEPEAN 2015 ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Campaign Lawyer

April 2015 – October 2015

- Provided legal advice on election and constitutional issues to Conservative Party of Canada federal candidate and campaign team in Ottawa West Nepean.
- Worked closely with campaign team to ensure campaign was at all times compliant with provincial and federal laws as well as professional police code of conduct.
- Assisted campaign manager in replying to media-related questions and providing legal insight to reporters upon request.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK OF OTTAWA

Board Member and Sponsorship Chair

March 2015 – Present

- Participate in WBN Board Meetings
- Conduct fundraising initiatives in order to raise money for operation of WBN
- Head of Sponsorship Committee, responsible for organizing, conducting and following up with meetings.

OTTAWA COMMUNITY IMMIGRANT SERVICES ORGANISATION (OSICO)

Vice President, Board Member

November 2013 – Present

- Contribute to major decisions made by Board and executive director to guide the not-for-profit organization and enable it to fulfill its annual goals.
- Undertake, as lawyer on the board, to conduct due diligence review on current governance policies, identify weak points and draft necessary clauses to update OCISO governance policies and by-laws as required.

THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

Executive Member

July 2014 – September 2015

- Participate in CBA International Law meetings
- Participate in weekly "Trade Clippings" initiative by gathering up articles of interest to the International Trade and Investment Committee, drafting up a newsletter and circulating among members.
- Attended ULCC Law Conference of Canada in Yellowknife, NWT as federal representative and delegate of the Canadian Bar Association.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION – CANADA COMMITTEE

Editor-in-Chief for Canada Committee

September 2013 – September 2014

- Solicit and edit articles from members of the Canada Committee section of the American Bar Association.
- Create and submit a final 30-page Year-in-Review submission for the annual 2013 ABA International Law Year in Review publication.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Conservative Party of Canada
- Ontario Progressive Conservative Party
- Ontario PC Women in Politics
- Organization of Women in International Trade
- Ottawa Women's Business Network
- Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization
- Jessup Alumni
- Head Start Ottawa
- Equal Voice Canada

MEDIA & NEWS MENTIONS

- **Giving Young Women a HeadStart.** Her Campus. Kaysey Davis, August 20, 2015.
<https://www.hercampus.com/school/u-ottawa/giving-young-women-headstart>
- **Election signs confiscated from social-housing tenants, Conservative candidate complains.** Ottawa Citizen. David Reevly, August 31, 2015.
<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/election-signs-confiscated-from-social-housing-tenants-conservative-candidate-complains>
- **'Government does not have a place in your bedroom': Conservatives vote to accept same-sex marriages.** National Post. Jason Fekete, May 28, 2016.
<http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/government-does-not-have-a-place-in-your-bedroom-conservatives-vote-to-accept-same-sex-marriages>
- **'Freedom and respect': Conservatives strike marriage definition from party policy.** CBC News. Janyce McGregor, May 28, 2016.
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/conservative-convention-saturday-votes-1.3604990>

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

- **French** – Conversational working proficiency (spoken, read)
- **Farsi** – Professional working proficiency (spoken, read, written)
- **Sports** – Scuba diving, CrossFit
- **Hobbies** – participating in fundraising runs with my dog, travel, reading, retro board games