

Faith, Andrew	partner at Polley Faith LLP	are suffering and can no longer live any kind of normal life, like in A.B. v Canada (Attorney General). As you can imagine, this is a very difficult and emotional area of law that not many lawyers want to deal with but these poor individuals and their families need lawyers who can help them through the system and stand up for their right to make a decision that they no longer want to live in pain and suffering.
Falconer, Julian	Name partner, Falconers LLP, Toronto	In 2016, Falconer acted as counsel to Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Nishnawbe Aski Nation Police Service in the ground breaking Adequacy Standards Table negotiations with the provincial government. Most recently, he acted as counsel to Nishnawbe Aski Nation in the Caring Society proceedings before the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Falconer successfully advocated for the creation of a Remoteness Quotient Table and Choose Life Working Group. He represented Nishnawbe Aski Nation in the 7 Deaths Inquest and in the ongoing Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case referred to as the Cindy Blackstock case about the fed's discrimination against child and family services on reserves. He was instrumental in pushing the OIPRD to invoke its system review powers to investigate systemic racism against Indigenous peoples by Thunder Bay Police Service. There's few lawyers currently active who have been more vocal and effective in the last year in serving Indigenous communities.
Gottardi, Eric	Partner, Peck & Co. Barristers	Represented Barrett Richard Jordan in R. v. Jordan, a landmark case in criminal court delay. This case has become a catalyst for change in the legal world, causing there to be caps placed on how long a case could get delayed in courts. These two lawyers were at the forefront fighting for the rights of their client and causing change rippling through the legal realm.

Name	Position	Reason for Nomination
Green, Mel	Judge, Ontario Court of Justice	Green wrote an extremely important ruling last year called <i>R. v. McGill</i> dealing with the principle of rehabilitation vs jail for serious drug offences especially in the context of aboriginal offenders. He also authored this important sentencing ruling on remorse that gained public attention in May. Green has also extensively contributed to important aboriginal criminal law issues and has played a key role in the development and improvement of a specialized aboriginal court in Toronto. He is refocusing the goals of sentencing away from imprisonment towards rehabilitation and reintegration.
Henein, Marie	Partner, Henein Hutchison	Henein has captured the public imagination, represented the unpopular, upheld the Rule of Law, been a leader in many spheres and provided mentorship to many. By defending Ghomeshi — and winning — she sparked important debate across the country on the role of criminal defence lawyers and women more broadly. Active in media and with speeches. Hired in February to defend vice-admiral Mark Normal in military leaks investigation.
		Hnatiw regularly act for victims in civil court and provide <i>pro bono</i> advice to criminal complainants, including to Lucy DeCoutere in the Ghomeshi trial. Recently launched an ongoing class action on behalf of former students of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet