

**Kristopher E G Kinsinger**  
JD, LLM Candidate, Barrister and Solicitor

**DEGREES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

**Master of Laws**, McGill University, Montreal QC, August 2021 (anticipated)

**Awards:**

- **Pilarczyk Graduate Award in Law**, May 2021
  - Established in 2005 by Ian C. Pilarczyk for an outstanding graduate student in the Faculty of Law; awarded on the basis of merit by the Faculty of Law graduate students in the general concentration of Legal History
- **Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's**, April 2021
  - Awarded for pursuit of research project to be supervised by Professor Colleen Sheppard, tentatively titled "Putting the Fundamental Back in Fundamental Freedoms (or How to Solve the Problem of the Notwithstanding Clause)"

**Barrister and Solicitor**, Law Society of Ontario, Toronto ON, June 2020

**Juris Doctor**, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Toronto ON, June 2019

**Awards:**

- **Bora Laskin Prize**, June 2019
  - Annual prize awarded at convocation to the student who wrote the best paper on the topic of law, religion and society
- **Hon. Ian Scott Public Interest Internship Award**, March 2017
  - Award developed to support the initiative of students interested in social justice and public interest advocacy who attain an unpaid summer placement at a public interest organization; recipients must demonstrate high academic achievement
  - Awarded for internship with Christian Legal Fellowship
- **Hon. William G.C. Howland Award of Excellence Entrance Scholarship**, May 2016
  - Awarded to outstanding students entering the first year of the JD program or a joint program with at least an A- average

**Bachelor of Arts** (Honours History and Arts and Business – Co-operative Program), University of Waterloo, Waterloo ON, June 2016

**Awards:**

- **Departmental Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement** (History), June 2016
  - Awarded at convocation as the graduating student with the highest average from the Department of History
- **Dean's Honours List Graduate**, June 2016
  - Awarded for maintaining a cumulative GPA of least 83% during every term of undergraduate program

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**National Director**, Runnymede Society, Cambridge ON, April 2021 – present

- A non-partisan coalition of students, jurists and scholars promoting constitutionalism, freedom and the rule of law
- Responsible for overseeing and directing all society activities, including conferences, events, podcasts, and academic publications

**Freelance Editor**, LexisNexis Canada, Toronto ON, July 2020

- Provided editorial assistance for preparation of legal texts
- Updated table of legislation for book of criminal law precedents

**Articling Student**, Miller Thomson LLP, Waterloo ON, July 2019 – May 2020

- Drafted memoranda and provide legal opinions on numerous files, including commercial, corporate, administrative, family, real estate, and charity and non-profit matters
- Prepared wills and powers of attorney
- Performed risk assessments for corporate contracts and agreements
- Assisted counsel to prepare correspondence, motions, defences and claims
- Appeared before Landlord and Tenant Board, Small Claims Court and Family Court
- Previously employed as Summer Law Student from May to August 2018

**Student Fellow**, Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism, University of Waterloo, Waterloo ON, February 2017 – present

- Contribute to research on historical and contemporary developments in Canadian foreign policy, federalism and constitutionalism
- Compiled and reproduced historic primary documents in the published collection *Artic Show Trial: The Trial of Alikomiak and Tatamigana, 1923* (with P Whitney Lackenbauer)

**Co-Managing Editor**, TheCourt.ca, Toronto ON, August 2018 – July 2019

- Faculty-funded Osgoode Hall student blog covering Supreme Court of Canada jurisprudence
- Collaborated with co-managing editor to hire editors and contributors, plan and schedule blog content, solicit guest contributions, and promote the blog in legal profession
- Awarded Clawbie Hall of Fame Award during tenure as co-managing editor for continued status as leading Canadian legal blog
- Previously employed as contributor from September 2017 to April 2018

**Law Student Intern**, Christian Legal Fellowship, Waterloo/London ON, April 2017 – August 2017 and May 2016 – August 2016

- Largest association of Christian lawyers, legal professionals and law students in Canada; registered NGO with Special Consultative Status at the United Nations
- Assisted senior legal staff in drafting and revising official press releases, blog posts, journal articles, research papers and analyses of high-profile court rulings
- Drafted letters, speeches and presentations for executive director

## **VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Secretary**, Canadian Bar Association (Constitutional and Human Rights Section), Ottawa ON, September 2020 – present

- Attend meetings and conference calls to provide input on the work of the Section
- Participate in professional development initiatives and law reform advocacy
- Previously served as a member-at-large from June 2019 to June 2020
- Concurrently serving as a member-at-large of the Ontario Bar Association's parallel section

**Director** (Student Representative and Assistant Secretary), Christian Legal Fellowship, London ON, September 2017 – present

- Collaborate with the executive director to solicit feedback from student members and law school chapters on Christian Legal Fellowship student resources and events
- Participate in board meetings to plan and direct legal interventions, public consultations and academic programs

**Deacon of Administration**, Hespeler Baptist Church, Cambridge ON, March 2021 – present

- Oversee and advise on administrative matters relating to church governance, including the preparation of ministry policies and the division of tasks between church elders and deacons

**Executive**, Osgoode Christian Legal Fellowship, Toronto ON, September 2017 – April 2019

- Planned weekly meetings, special events and professional networking sessions with other executives to meet the needs of Christian Legal Fellowship student members at Osgoode Hall

**Founding President**, Osgoode Charity Law Association, Toronto ON, January 2017 – April 2019

- Organized firm tours, scheduled career panels and worked with school administration promote the study and practice of charity law at Osgoode Hall

**President**, Kitchener South – Hespeler Conservative Association, Cambridge/Kitchener ON, December 2014 – December 2015

- Served as president of federal riding association in the year leading up to the 2015 election

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**Guest**, “Pandemic Restrictions and Religious Freedom”, CBC News Network (7 May 2021)

**Recurring Guest**, *The Jamil Jivani Show*, NEWSTALK 1010, Toronto ON, September 2020 – present

**Panel Moderator**, “Bill 21 and the Notwithstanding Clause”, Runnymede Society National Conference, Toronto ON (29 February 2020)

## **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

“Restricting Freedom of Peaceful Assembly During Public Health Emergencies” (2021) 30:1 Const Forum Const 1

- Article envisioning how section 2(c) freedom of peaceful assembly *Charter* claims might unfold during public health emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic

“Positive Freedoms and Peaceful Assemblies: Reenvisioning Section 2(c) of the Charter” (2020) 98 SCLR (2d) 377

- Paper which considers the range of obligations that the *Charter* guarantee of freedom of peaceful assembly imposes on state actors
- Presented a working draft of the paper at an academic symposium co-hosted by Christian Legal Fellowship and The Forgotten Freedoms Project in September 2019 in Toronto ON

“Inclusive Religious Neutrality: Rearticulating the Relationship Between Sections 2(a) and 15 of the Charter” (2019) 91 SCLR (2d) 219

- Paper on the evolution of the principle of religious neutrality in Canadian constitutional jurisprudence, offering suggestions for its continued development
- Presented a working draft of the paper at an academic symposium on religion and human rights co-hosted by Christian Legal Fellowship and LexisNexis in September 2018 in Vancouver BC

## **EDITORIAL PUBLICATIONS**

“Can the notwithstanding clause be used to violate pre-existing rights?” (5 May 2021) *National Post*

“The arrest of Alberta pastor James Coates is a constitutional abnormality” (23 February 2021) *National Post*

“How Ontario’s COVID-19 rules restrict religious freedom” (12 January 2021) *National Post*

“Conservatives should show leadership on Bill 21 and defend religious freedom” (18 September 2020) *Policy Options*

“Government walking a constitutional tightrope as restrictions on peaceful assembly stretch on” (14 June 2020) *CBC News* (with Brian Bird)

“Religious expression is under attack in Canada - and not just in Quebec” (11 July 2019) *The Globe and Mail* (with Derek Ross)

“Quebec’s Bill 21 misapplies religious neutrality principle” (7 May 2019) *Policy Options*

“Making doctors choose between their convictions and their calling”, (18 February 2019) *Policy Options*

“The government’s new criteria for summer jobs funding suffer from the same defining flaw as the old”, (31 December 2018) *CBC News*