

SOPHIA KING GILLIS

EDUCATION

J.D. Candidate, Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University

Expected 2026

Dalhousie University B.A. Major in Law, Justice and Society

Graduated 2023

- Dean's List 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years
- Dalhousie, 2022, Top 15% of the class
- Honours thesis, "A Reproductive Justice Perspective on the *Charter*"

Extended French Certificate, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

June 2019

- Received from Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
- Facilitated moderate proficiency in written and oral French

WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Researcher (Practicum)

December 2022-April 2023

The Courts of Nova Scotia. Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Conducted and presented research on social media use by the Courts of Nova Scotia to head of Communications and Chief Justices to inform development of new social media policy
- Proposed reforms to Canadian Network of Court Communicators and the Association of the Canadian Court Executive Officers
- Shadowed Justices in a variety of legal practice areas including Criminal law, Labour law, Appeals, Chambers, and other day-to-day operations at all three levels of Court in Nova Scotia

Student Journalist

November 2021-April 2023

DalNews (Dalhousie University). Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Wrote, edited, and submitted articles in Canadian Press style
- Adhered to word count and short turnaround deadlines (24 to 48 hours)
- Researched and interviewed subjects for articles as required

Head Lifeguard

September 2019-June 2023

Dalplex Athletic Centre. Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Primary first-aid responder to all three campus athletic facilities
- Organized and supervised staff training
- Created and adapted policies and procedures as required
- Promoted community relations & conflict resolution

Student Assistant – Dental Stores

September 2019-Present

Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie University. Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Supervise and organize lab coat room used by dental faculty, staff, and students
- Restock PPE and dental supplies
- Pull patient files for daily clinics as required

Site Supervisor

May-September 2022

H2O Lifeguard Recreation Management. Ottawa, ON and Gatineau, QC

- Trained and supervised team of 25 staff at 10 condo pools across the region
- Directed communication with pool property owners in English and French
- Prepared staff schedules, approved shift changes, and submitted payroll

Assistant Beach Captain

June-August 2021

Halifax Regional Municipality Beaches. Head of Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia

- Ensured the safety of all patrons visiting the beach
- Instructed Red Cross Swim lessons and wrote individualized report cards
- Organized and lead community beach events including Junior Lifeguard Day

Waterfront Lifeguard

May-August 2019, 2020

City of Ottawa Beaches. Ottawa, Ontario

- Lifeguard, first-aid and emergency response for popular public park and beach
- Mediated patrons' concerns and enforced rules accordingly
- Responded to emergencies on land and in the water, including major emergencies

EXTRA-CURRICULARS & VOLUNTEERING

Panelist

The Politics of Reproduction Workshop (Via Zoom)

- Presented and discussed Honours thesis to academic network studying reproduction and reproductive justice.

May 2023

Head Coach and Founder

Dalhousie Undergraduate Moot Team.

- Co-founder, planner, and director of the first ever DalCup Moot, 2022
- Coordinated tryouts and select competitive team.
- Lead and organize team meetings and preparations for participation at the 2023 Osgoode Cup Moot

February 2022- August 2023

President

Dalhousie Undergraduate Law Society (DULS)

- Oversee for general management and success of the society
- Co-ordinate events, including LSAT info nights and ask-an-upper-year panels
- Collaborate with a team of 12 executives to support and encourage undergraduate students interested in the legal profession

August 2022-August 2023

Law, Justice, and Society (LJSO) Program Representative

Dalhousie University Program Fair. Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Represented the Law, Justice, and Society program at campus program fair and answered students' questions about the program

October 2022

Competitive Team Member

Carleton Undergraduate Moot Team

- Participated in three competitions total, including the Osgoode Cup
- Tryouts required for participation in competitions.

February-June 2022; 2023

Competitive Equestrian Team Member

Dalhousie University (Tier 1 Intercollegiate Club)

- Competitor in the Novice division at shows as part of the Atlantic Equestrian League

September 2022-present

Municipal Election Poll Clerk

Halifax Regional Municipality. Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

- Recorded voter attendance, counted ballots and submitted results for election district

October 2020

Equestrian Lessons Program and Competitions Program

Oakhurst Farm. Ashton, Ontario;

Halifax Lancers. Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Participated in weekly riding lessons and cared for horses
- Competitor in Eventing (Dressage, Showjumping, Cross-Country)

June 2018-November 2020

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lions Cup Moot 2023

- Distinguished Oralist
- Semi-Finalist

The Osgoode Cup Moot, 2022

- Semi-Finalist
- Prepared written and oral submissions based on 2021 SCC 34

Ha-Redeye Cup 2023

- Distinguished Oralist
- Semi-Finalist

- Submitted appellant and respondent arguments to different panels of judges over two days
- Placed top 4 of 73 teams, seeded 7th in round of 16

PUBLICATIONS

Gillis, Sophia King. (2023). "Helping or Hurting? Utility of the Charter for Reproductive Justice and Abortion Access in Canada" (25 August 2023), online:

Health Law and Innovation Blog

<https://justiceandtechnology.com/helping-or-hurting-utility-of-the-charter-for-reproductive-justice-and-abortion-access-in-canada/>

INTERESTS

True Crime; Literary Fiction; Running; Music; Feminism