

Associate

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Mannu focuses his litigation practice on commercial, administrative and constitutional law disputes.

In his administrative and public law practice, Mannu has acted for both public and private sector clients on applications for judicial review, motions, and appeals. He has litigated and advised on a variety of *Charter* and federalism issues, including on the fundamental freedoms, equality rights, section 7 interests, and language rights. He conducted independent reviews on public policy matters for universities and acted as presenting counsel before the Ontario Judicial Council. Mannu currently teaches constitutional law as a part-time lecturer at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law.

In his commercial law practice, Mannu has experience acting in complex breach of contract cases and shareholder disputes, including oppression cases. He also has acted on urgent injunctions.

Mannu has appeared at all levels of court in Ontario and has argued before the Federal Court, the Ontario Divisional Court, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

## Paliare Roland

Prior to joining Paliare Roland, Mannu was an associate at a national firm, where he litigated commercial and public law matters. He was also a law clerk at the Federal Court of Canada. Mannu received his J.D. from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and his M.Sc. from Oxford University.

### Education

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, J.D., 2017      University of OXford, M. Sc., 2013

University of Toronto, B.A., 2011

### Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2018

### Practice Areas

Appeals and Judicial Review

Mediation and Arbitration

Commercial Litigation

Professional Discipline and Regulation

Constitutional Litigation

Public and Administrative Law

Judicial Inquiries and Inquests

## Representative Work

**Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church of Canada St. Mary Cathedral v. Aga:** argued before the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of the National Council of Canadian Muslims concerning the scope of judicial intervention regarding internal disputes of voluntary associations (2021 SCC 22).

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**Sherman Estate v. Donovan:** counsel for the Income Security Advocacy Centre before the Supreme Court of Canada on the applicability of sealing orders (2021 SCC 25).

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**Ward v. Quebec (Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse):** counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association before the Supreme Court of Canada on section 2(b) Charter issues related to discriminatory speech (2021 SCC 43).

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**Law Society of Saskatchewan v. Peter V. Abrametz:** counsel for the Federation of Law Societies of Canada before the Supreme Court of Canada on the appropriate approach to assessing administrative delay (2022 SCC 29).

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**United Food and Commercial Workers International Union v. Aurora Cannabis**

**Enterprises Inc:** argued before the Divisional Court on behalf of a coalition of education sector interveners pertaining to freedom of association (2021 ONSC 5611).

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**Canadian Federation of Students v. Ontario (Colleges and Universities):** counsel for the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union before the Divisional Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal on whether the "Student Choice Initiative" was implemented beyond the Minister's delegated authority (2021 ONCA 553).

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**Aggarwal v. Sheridan College:** argued before the Divisional Court on behalf of Sheridan College on an application for judicial review of Human Rights Tribunal's decision (2021 ONSC 1399).

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**Rebel News Network Ltd v. Canada (Leaders' Debates Commission):** counsel for the Leaders' Debates Commission before the Federal Court on media accreditation issues pertaining to the federal leaders' debates during national elections (2020 FC 1181).

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**The Honourable Thomas A. Cromwell's Independent Review re: York University (2020):** counsel to Justice Cromwell's review on free speech and security issues at York University (independent review).

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## **Publications**

Co-author – "Peer Review and Adjudicative Independence: Finding the Right Balance in Administrative Justice" (2021) 34:1 Canadian Journal of Administrative Law and Practice 55 (with Chris Bredt)

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"Immigration Detention and Habeas Corpus: Positive Developments and Missed Opportunities in Chhina" (2020) 10:1 Western Journal of Legal Studies

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Co-author – "Bad Ad(Vice): On the Supreme Court's Approach to Press Freedom, Source Protection and State Interests in R v Vice Media Canada Inc"(2020) 94:2 Supreme Court Law Review (with Justin Safayeni)

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"A Wall Between the 'Public' and the 'Private': A Comment on Highwood Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (Judicial Committee) v Wall"(2019) 9:2 Western Journal of Legal Studies

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Co-author – "With a Little Help from Too Many Friends? Lessons from TWU and Comeau on Intervening before the Supreme Court" (2019) 90:2 Supreme Court Law Review (with

Chris Bredt and Ewa Krajewska)

# **Presentations**

Presenter – On Peer Review and Adjudicative Independence – Osgoode’s Annual National Forum on Administrative Law and Practice – October 7, 2020 (with Chris Bredt)

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Presenter – Virtue and Vice in Canada’s Approach to Press Freedom – Osgoode Constitutional Cases Conference – April 5, 2019 (presented with Justin Safayeni)