Jonathan Kleiman

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Ontario lawyer and AI startup co-founder with experience building compliance procedures, LLM-powered workflows, and legal document automation. Called to the Bar June 2026.

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP **Summer 2024, 2025 – 2026**

Articling Student and Summer Law Student

- Researched and wrote on AI governance and compliance frameworks (including Canada's *AIDA* and the EU *AI Act*), analyzing implications for legal practice and emerging regulatory risk for clients.
- Drafted pleadings, memoranda, court orders, and case status reports across civil procedure, class actions, health law, and other complex litigation matters. Created repeatable automated workflows for the same.
- Conducted document review using e-discovery software to identify key evidence in ongoing litigation.
- Attended court proceedings and presented arguments on motions and at arbitration panels.

ZeroDraft AI/simplegrants.ai **September 2024 – Present**

Junior Developer & Compliance Officer (Co-founder)

- Build and maintain compliance procedures for an AI startup in the regulated grants and tax-credit space.
- Contribute to product engineering on automated grant-matching and grant-writing services, including LLM-based workflows for production features.
- Represent the company at industry conferences; support client procurement and go-to-market activity.

Community Legal Education Ontario **Summer 2023**

Summer Law Student

- Conducted legal research supporting CLEO initiatives focused on access to justice; drafted briefing notes, correspondence, reports, and policy papers.

Apollo Test Prep **Sep 2023 – May 2024**

LSAT Tutor

- Provided one-on-one and small group instruction for LSAT preparation, focusing on logical reasoning, analytical reasoning, and reading comprehension sections.
- Developed personalized study plans and administered practice tests to track student progress and identify areas for improvement.

SR&ED Writers **November 2019 - Present**

Co-Founder and Technical Writer

- Write technical reports for Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax claims filed with the CRA, highlighting the technological uncertainties overcome and experimental work undertaken.
- Created the company website and help procure clients

SELECTED PROJECTS

Delphi **2026 – Present**

Canadian legal research for AI agents (private beta)

- Built an MCP server giving Claude and ChatGPT 1.7 million Canadian cases and statutes with paragraph pinpoints. The MCP includes a 16 million-link citation graph, a built-in citator and a checker for invented citations: delphi-mcp.com

Mithril Harness **May – Jun 2026**

An agent harness for Harvey's Legal Agent Benchmark

- Built a criteria-blind agent loop that must read every source document, with fresh-context reviewers rechecking figures, dates, and citations; strongly improved the performance of open-source models on the benchmark to match that of closed-source frontier models.
- The harness architecture improved all-pass rates from ~17% to 33% and criterion pass rates from 89.4% to 93.5%. Code: github.com/jmklex/mithril-harness

Lev **Oct 2026**

An open 9B decision model for case law

- Fine-tuned d3-flash (Qwen3.5-9B backbone) to classify Canadian court decisions for citator work, such as how a court treats a case it cites. Weights, code, and report (Apache-2.0): huggingface.co/jonathankleiman/lev
- On decisions newer than its training data, scored 96.4% accuracy overall and 90.8% on treatment of a cited case, against 95.2% and 80.7% respectively for Jev 1.13.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law **2023 - 2025**

- *Juris Doctor | 2025*
- *Transferred to the Faculty of Law after completing my 1L at Osgoode Hall Law School*

Osgoode Hall Law School **2022 - 2023**

- *JD Program (1L)*

University of Toronto **2018 - 2022**

- *Completed 17.5 Credits (3 & ½ years) towards a BA in History before starting law school*
- *Dean's List Scholar*

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Contributor to the Obiter Dicta (Osgoode's Student Newspaper) **September 2022 – 2023**

- Penned a variety of opinion and news pieces for the newspaper
- Worked with copy editors and others on both the substantive and stylistic elements of my articles

Received the Richard W. Yee Memorial Scholarship **April 2022**

- Given by the University of Toronto for academic achievement in the winter term of 2022

Published in the University of Toronto's *Future of History* Journal **June 2021**

- Published my paper titled, *Mussolini's Rome: A Reactionary Revolution.* The paper discussed how the architectural revitalization of Rome under Mussolini's regime blended classical elements with modernist and futurist ones

SKILLS

AI/ML: Claude Code, Codex, MCP servers, RAG, LLM evaluation, LoRA fine-tuning, PyTorch, vLLM
Programming: Python, JavaScript, Ruby
Other: Web design, Photoshop, technical writing, e-discovery tools
Languages: English (native), Hebrew (fluent), Russian (conversational)

INTERESTS

- Puns
- Chess: 1. e4 as White; 1…c5 as Black
- History: Especially the Middle East and Contemporary Europe