



Chantal M. Cattermole

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Profile

Divorce and family disputes are life-changing events, but the damage they leave behind can be minimized. This represents the core approach of Chantal's work as she assists people through these challenges in a positive and productive manner.

Chantal understands the visceral nature of family conflicts and manages to simplify these complex issues into sensible solutions while building relationships or keeping them intact. She is experienced in multi-generational estates planning to protect and preserve family wealth, knowing this requires long-term vision and communication. Her pleasant demeanor guides clients through cost-effective resolutions outside the courtroom, including collaborative law, mediation and negotiation.

Conversely, she is acutely aware that sometimes litigation is the only course to resolving a dispute when these avenues reach an impasse. Chantal's results-driven approach allows her to help people feel they are represented and supported in the fullest extent, while minimizing costs whenever possible.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Services

- > Collaborative Law
- > Integrative mediation
- > Resolution of complex family law issues

- > Certified family law mediator

Agreements Services

- > Pre- and post-nuptial agreements
- > Separation agreements
- > Cohabitation agreements
- > Marriage agreements
- > Division of property and debt
- > Surrogacy agreements

Practice Services

- > Collaborative law roster member
- > Litigation
- > Negotiated settlements
- > Reproductive technology law

Additionally, she calls on her connections to provide clients with pertinent resources, such as a financial advisor or real estate agent, counsellor or parenting coach or child specialist. This experience and network allows Chantal to help people feel supported and educated in making life and legal decisions.

Whether it is structuring spousal support, dividing assets, drafting marriage agreements or planning multi-generational estates, Chantal enjoys helping our clients through complex processes in ways that protect their families and futures.

Credentials

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Bar Association, Family Law Section
- > Canadian Bar Association, Women Lawyers Forum
- > Trial Lawyers Association of BC (Family and Estate Litigation) since 2009
- > Collaborative Divorce BC - Board Member
- > North Shore Alternative Dispute Association
- > Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts
- > CLEBC - Family Practice Manual, Editorial Board
- > St. Paul's Foundation - Future Leaders

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2009
- > Bachelor of Laws, Queens University, 2007
- > Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Sociology double major, The University of British Columbia, 2002
- > Certified Collaborative Professional
- > Certified Family Lawyer

- > Certified Mediator

Languages

- > English
- > French

External Publications & Presentations

- > Continuing Legal Education BC - Family Practice Manual (Editorial Board)
- > Presenter for major banks, accounting firms and trust companies on issues related to estate planning and family law
- > Continuing Legal Education BC - The Family Law Agreements Sourcebook, BC Estate Planning & Wealth Preservation Manual, contributor and speaker
- > Guest speaker on CKNW regarding family law, litigation and mediation