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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
- > Mediation
- > Parenting Coordinator

- > Arbitration

Agreements Services

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

Practice Services

- > Collaborative law
- > Mediation
- > Litigation
- > Arbitration
- > Negotiated settlements
- > Reproductive technology law
- > Parenting Coordinator

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

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

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2009
- > Bachelor of Laws, Queens University, 2006
- > Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Sociology double major, The University of British Columbia, 2002
- > Certified Collaborative Professional
- > Certified Family Mediator
- > Certified Arbitrator
- > Certified Parenting Coordinator

Languages

- > English
- > French

External Publications & Presentations

- > "Less than half of B.C. kids under 12 have had their first shot", The Vancouver Sun, January 17, 2022
- > "Pandemic Parenting: What Happens If We Can't Agree On Whether Or Not To Vaccinate Our Child?", BC Parent Newsmagazine, January 7, 2022
- > "Canada: Parenting In A Pandemic: To Vaccinate or Not To Vaccinate", Mondaq, November 27, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Pique Newsmagazine, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Times Colonist, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Squamish Chief, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", BurnabyNow, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Alaska Highway News, November 26, 2021
- > "Co-parents and the vaccine | What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Castanet, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Dawson Creek Mirror, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Delta Optimist, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", New Westminster Record, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", North Shore News, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Prince George Citizen, November 26, 2021
- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", Richmond News, November 26, 2021

- > "What if you disagree with your co-parent about the COVID-19 vaccine for your kids?", TriCity News, November 26, 2021
- > COVID-19 vaccinations for kids a co-parenting decision: Lawyer, Healthing, November 24, 2021
- > COVID-19 vaccinations for kids a co-parenting decision: Lawyer, The Vancouver Sun, November 23, 2021
- > COVID-19 vaccinations for kids a co-parenting decision: Lawyer, The Province, November 23, 2021
- > Pandemic Practice Points, BarTalk magazine, Canadian Bar Association, October 1, 2021
- > Can surrogate have parenting time with child?, The Lawyer's Daily, LexisNexis Canada, September 15, 2021
- > Colucci v Colucci; A Framework for Retroactive Child Support Variations, LexisNexis Canada's Canadian Family Law Guide newsletter, LexisNexis Canada, August 1, 2021
- > Lawyer-client relationships: A cautionary tale on undermining trial fairness, The Lawyer's Daily, LexisNexis Canada, June 10, 2021
- > B.C. court declares parentage order for parent in polyamorous relationship, The Lawyer's Daily, LexisNexis Canada, May 3, 2021
- > Marriage Agreements: Fairness and Enforceability, Money & Family Law, Thomson Reuters, 2021
- > Continuing Legal Education BC - Family Practice Manual (Editorial Board)
- > Presenter and chair for continuing legal education seminars 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