



Allison Sharkey

Associate

Estates & Trusts

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Profile

Estate matters can be challenging on several levels, as they are fraught with many emotionally-charged issues like death, taxes, family dynamics, and money.

Allison supports our clients as they work through the estate planning and administration process. Her role is to help alleviate our clients' burdens of dealing with end-of-life issues, giving them peace of mind knowing that their legal affairs will be taken care of. Allison enjoys the process of articulating clients' legal challenges and examining their needs to help execute holistic solutions. Allison's pragmatism and dedication to service translate through both her professional and volunteer work, making her a natural fit for our estates and trusts practice.

Services

- > Preparation of wills
- > Preparation of powers of attorney, representation agreements, and advance directives
- > Assisting with the establishment and administration of trusts (including family trusts, alter ego trusts, joint partner trusts, and testamentary trusts)
- > Obtaining resealing of grants for the administration of estates from foreign jurisdictions
- > Obtaining grants of probate and administration
- > Assisting with distribution of estate assets to beneficiaries

Prior to law school, Allison graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies (Anthropology and Sociology) and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. Her robust research and interview skills developed over her academic career provided Allison with an excellent foundation to thrive in law.

These attributes, combined with Allison's strong work ethic, attention to detail, perseverance, and commitment to lifelong learning make her a passionate and tenacious advocate for our clients.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Lawson Lundell Award in Administrative Law, 2019
- > Harris & Company Award in Law, 2018
- > Panvini Scholarship in Law, 2018
- > Hilda Janzen Memorial Award in Feminist Legal Studies, 2017
- > Graduate Fellowship, University of British Columbia Okanagan, 2014
- > Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2009

Industry Involvement

- > Law Society of British Columbia, member

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2020
- > Juris Doctor, University of British Columbia, 2019
- > Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies (Anthropology and Sociology), University of British Columbia, 2016
- > Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, University of British Columbia, 2009

Community Commitments

- > Past volunteer for the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies, Peter A. Allard School of Law, 2016 - 2019
- > Past volunteer for the Innocence Project, Peter A. Allard School of Law, 2017 - 2018
- > Past volunteer for the 44th Annual National Criminal Law Program, Federation of Law Societies of Canada, 2017