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Profile

Estate and trust matters can be deeply personal and often complex-Braeden helps clients navigate them with clarity and care.

Braeden works with our Estates & Trusts group, supporting clients with estate and incapacity planning, estate administration, and estate litigation. He brings over 16 years of experience in the field, including more than a decade as a designated paralegal before being called to the bar.

Known for his practical insight and calm approach, Braeden advises clients on a wide range of issues, from complex estate plans to disputed wills and trust variations. His work often involves blended families, incapacity concerns, and trust administration challenges. He practices out of both our Vancouver and Kelowna offices.

A full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (TEP), Braeden currently serves as Chair of STEP Canada's Okanagan Chapter. He frequently contributes to the legal profession as a CLEBC faculty member, co-author of the CLEBC Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual, co-author of British Columbia Estate Litigation, and speaker on estate and trust issues.

Braeden holds a J.D. from the University of Victoria and an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration from Okanagan College. He also earned both a Certificate and Diploma in Estate and Trust Administration from STEP Canada, and has received national and

academic awards for leadership and academic excellence.

Services

- > Estate planning including wills and trusts
- > Lifetime planning for incapacity including:

Powers of attorney

Representation agreements

Committeeship applications

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- > Committeeship applications
- > Estate and incapacity planning for persons with disabilities, or for persons who wish to name persons with disabilities as beneficiaries (disability or "Henson" trust planning)
- > Estate and trust administration (including probate and non-probate solutions)
- > Advising executors and trustees regarding their duties and obligations to beneficiaries
- > Advising beneficiaries (or potential beneficiaries) of their rights regarding a will, trust, or estate
- > Dealing with foreign grants of probate including grant resealing and the administration of local and foreign assets
- > Estate and trust accounting including claims related to executor compensation
- > Estate litigation services including:

Applications to have a document declared a will

Applications to rectify and address errors in a will

Applications for the interpretation and construction of wills and trusts

Undue influence and incapacity claims

Proof in solemn form of wills

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Work Highlights

Represented parties in contested wills, trust variations, and incapacity disputes

Co-authored multiple legal publications on probate, trust administration, and estate litigation

Regularly acts in estate and trust administration matters, including probate applications and passing of accounts

Additional work highlights below

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Scales of Justice Award, University of Victoria, 2022-2024
- > Volunteer of the Year, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, 2020
- > Governor General's Academic Silver Medal, Okanagan College, 2020
- > Valedictorian, Okanagan College, 2020
- > Okanagan College Baccalaureate Medal, 2020
- > CETA Program Award, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, 2018

Industry and Community Involvement

- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Chair, Okanagan Chapter, 2025 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association, Wills & Trusts Section, member, 2025 - Present
- > Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia, member, 2025 - Present
- > Kelowna Bar Association, member, 2025 - Present
- > Kelowna Estate Planning Society, member, former director, 2022 - 2023
- > Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, faculty member and contributor, 2016 - Present
- > STEP Canada, volunteer and moderator for regional presentations, 2019 - Present
- > Okanagan College, guest lecturer, Paralegal Program, 2025 - Present

Education

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2025
- > University of Victoria, Juris Doctor (JD), 2024
- > Okanagan College, Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours), 2020
- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Diploma in Trusts & Estates, 2020
- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Certificate in Estate and Trust Administration, 2018
- > Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Paralegal Diploma, 2008

Publications & Presentations

- > Author, CLE Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual (Chapters 5 and 6), 2016 - Present
- > Co-author, British Columbia Estate Litigation, First and Second Editions, LexisNexis (Chapters 8 and 10), 2020, 2025
- > Author, CLE Preparing the P40 Affidavit, 2025
- > Author, CLE Trust Basics, 2025
- > Author, CLE Passing of Accounts for Estates and Trusts, 2024
- > Co-author, CLE Life in the Electronic Age of Wills, 2022
- > Author, CLE Administration of Trusts, 2019
- > Presenter, CLEBC: Wills & Estates Basics for Legal Support Staff (Co-chair & Presenter), 2021, 2023, 2025
- > Presenter, CLEBC: Advanced Wills & Estates for Paralegals, 2020, 2022, 2024
- > Presenter, CLEBC: Planning for Health Care and Financial Decisions, 2025
- > Moderator, STEP Canada: Dying with Digital Assets; Trust Reporting Updates, 2023, 2025
- > Presenter, Advocis: Battle of the Lawyers; Keys to Estate Planning for High Net Worth Clients, 2025

Additional Work Highlights

Frequently engaged as a speaker and CLE faculty on estate and trust planning, estate and trust administration, and litigation best practices