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## Gordon Behan

Partner

Business Litigation  
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### Profile

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Determination, teamwork and skill-the characteristics that are necessary to succeed in sports also apply to achieving legal success. With sports as a major part of Gordon's life, he relies on those characteristics in his legal practice, building a strong case, developing a comprehensive strategy and implementing it with tenacity.

With that foundation, Gordon's goal is to obtain the best possible result for our clients.

#### Work Highlights

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#### Estate & Trust Litigation

- > Represent parties in committeeship applications
  - > Successfully had notice of civil claim dismissed on the basis that it was a collateral attack on a committeeship order
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#### Estate Litigation Services

- > Wills variation claims
- > Executor and trustee compensation

- > Committeeships
- > Breach of fiduciary duty
- > Elder law
- > Testamentary capacity claims
- > Undue influence claims
- > Unjust enrichment claims

### **Business Litigation Services**

- > Shareholder and partnership disputes
- > Contract disputes
- > Commercial tenancy disputes
- > Claims for injunctive relief

Recognizing that a lawsuit can be difficult, time-consuming and distracting for the people involved, Gordon attempts to assume this burden, navigating the legal waters and helping reduce stress for our clients. Gordon enjoys dissecting the opposing party's arguments and responding to the opposing party's tactics.

Gordon prides himself on providing a straightforward and frank risk assessment to our clients. This allows our clients to be proactive, alert and adaptable to any issues that may arise, enabling them to get back to enjoying their personal and business lives beyond litigation.

## **Credentials**

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### **Awards & Distinctions**

- > Bull Housser & Tupper Prize in Administrative Law, 2012
- > Best cross-examination award at the Peter Burns Mock Trial Competition, 2010
- > Law Foundation Award, 2009 and 2010

### **Industry Involvement**

- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Trial Lawyers Association of BC
- > Advocate Society

### **Community Commitment**

- > Supervising Lawyer, Law Students Legal Advice Program, University of British Columbia
- > Captain, Hooplax team, Clark Wilson

### **Education & Call to Bar**

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2013
- > Bachelor of Laws, University of British Columbia, 2012
- > Law Exchange Program, University of Glasgow, 2011
- > Bachelor of Arts Honours, Economics, University of Victoria, 2009

### **External Publications & Presentations**

- > Where there isn't a Will, there may be a Way, Curing deficiencies and rectification, Sections 58 and 59 of WESA, TLABC presentation, June 6, 2014
- > Reznik v. Matty, 2013 BCSC 1346 Case Comment Presentation, September 10, 2013