



Alison Colpitts

Associate

Business Litigation
Family Law
Estates & Trusts
Estates & Trusts Opinions and Appeals

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Profile

When business or personal disputes arise, clients may find themselves navigating an unfamiliar and complex territory that is often emotionally charged. As a result, tensions can quickly escalate, making resolutions seem impossible.

Alison is a confident advocate for our clients inside and outside the courtroom. She has successfully represented clients before all three levels of court in British Columbia, both as lead counsel and co-counsel.

Litigation can be a timely and public investment, and some clients prefer to have their matters attended to quickly and discreetly. Alison has experience in alternative dispute resolution, allowing clients to resolve their issues more privately and cost-effectively. Regardless of the medium, Alison devotes considerable time, care, and thorough attention to each case.

Her curiosity and inquisitiveness mean she enjoys dissecting and analyzing complex issues to find new ways to add value to clients.

Alison's experience includes a highly coveted clerkship at the province's highest court, the Court of Appeal for British Columbia. This role gave Alison the opportunity to observe

hearings, help craft judgments, and liaise directly with the judges of the court, providing her invaluable insights into the judicial decision-making process and court proceedings.

Prior to law school, Alison completed her Master of Arts at the prestigious University of Chicago, a challenging program that helped her develop outstanding writing skills and the ability to construct arguments with intellectual rigour and thorough research. Together with Alison's strong work ethic, grit and determination, these attributes make her a strong litigator for our clients.

Business Litigation Services

- > Commercial litigation
- > Business disputes
- > Real estate disputes
- > Contract disputes
- > Appellate practice

Family Law Services

- > Child support
- > Parenting time
- > Spousal support
- > Property division
- > Appellate practice

Estates & Trusts Services

- > Wills variation claims
- > Committeehip applications
- > Breach of fiduciary duty claims
- > Legal research and opinions
- > Unjust enrichment claims
- > Abuse of powers of attorney claims
- > Breach of trust claims
- > Appellate practice

Work Highlights

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers® in Canada: Ones to Watch, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026
- > DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Prize in Alternate Dispute Resolution, 2019
- > Margaret E. Barr Bigelow Memorial Scholarship, 2019
- > Guild Yule LLP Prize in Ethics and Professionalism, 2019
- > Patrons of the UBC Law Review Award, 2019
- > Hon. Justice Grant Burnyeat Award in Law, 2018

- > JSD Tory Prize for Advocacy, 2018
- > Rosina and Gabriel Iacobucci Prize for Achievements in Family Law, 2018
- > Ted le Nobel Memorial Scholarship, 2018
- > Lawson Lundell Prize in Administrative Law, 2018
- > Superior Court Judges' Scholarship, 2017

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 2021 - Present
- > The Advocate's Society, member, 2021 – Present
- > Trial Lawyers' Association of British Columbia, member, 2023 – Present
- > Vancouver Bar Association, member, 2021 - Present

Community Commitments

- > Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia, volunteer lawyer, 2021 - Present
- > University of British Columbia, UBC Law Review, past editor-in-chief (administrative)
- > The Lawyer Show (an annual fundraiser for the Touchstone Theatre), performer, 2018 - Present

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2021
- > University of British Columbia, Juris Doctor (JD), 2019
- > University of Chicago, Master of Arts, 2012
- > McGill University, Bachelor of Arts, 2010

External Publications & Presentations

- > Contributing author, British Columbia Estate Litigation, 2nd Edition, published by LexisNexis, 2025
- > Author, British Columbia Family Practice Manual (Chapter 18), Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2024
- > Contributing author, British Columbia Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation (Chapter 7), Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2024
- > Contributing author, British Columbia Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual (Chapter 2), Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2024
- > Author, British Columbia Family Practice Manual (Chapter 18), Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2023
- > Research, Annual Review of Law & Practice Book 2021, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2021

Additional Languages

- > French
- > German