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Profile

Aaron is a dedicated advocate practicing exclusively in estates and trusts litigation and elder law. As a partner at Clark Wilson, Aaron has built a distinguished practice representing clients in complex and emotionally charged disputes arising from the death of a loved one and the distribution of their estate. For over a decade, clients have trusted Aaron to guide them with practical advice, sound judgement, and tenacious advocacy in mediations and at all levels of court in British Columbia.

Aaron is distinguished as a Trust Estate Practitioner (TEP), having completed the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners certification program. He excels in identifying efficient and strategic solutions tailored to our clients' needs. While Aaron tirelessly champions our clients in the courtroom, he also understands the value of resolving disputes efficiently and amicably through negotiation or mediation when possible. His ability to balance pragmatic solutions with decisive legal action ensures that our clients' interests are always safeguarded.

Beyond his successful legal practice, Aaron is a frequent speaker and contributor to leading industry publications, having spoken at Continuing Legal Education (CLE), Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and Pacific Business & Law Institute (PBLI) events. He is committed to advancing the legal community, having authored and editing chapters and articles on estates and trusts law and strategy, including penning the Resulting Trusts section of the authoritative EMTAGSTART British Columbia Estate Litigation EMTAGEND textbook.

Work Highlights

Services

- > Wills variation claims
- > Undue influence and incapacity claims
- > Unjust enrichment claims
- > Applications to have a document declared a will
- > Breach of trust claims
- > Passing of executor and trustee accounts
- > Committeeship applications
- > Construction of wills applications
- > Abuse of powers attorney claims
- > Breach of fiduciary cases
- > Executor and trustee compensation

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Private Client Awards finalist for Contentious Trusts and Estates Team of the Year 2021
- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Trusts and Estates, 2026

Industry Involvement / Membership & Associations

- > Canadian Bar Association, member
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member
- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, member
- > The Advocates Society of British Columbia, member
- > Vancouver Bar Association, member
- > Canadian Bar Association BC Branch, Estates & Trusts Elder Law Subsection, past co-chair

Education

- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) designation, 2018
- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2018
- > University of Western Ontario, Juris Doctor, 2013
- > York University, Bachelor of Arts (Criminology), 2010

External Publications

- > Contributing Author, British Columbia Estate Litigation, 2nd Edition, published by LexisNexis, 2025
- > Interviewee, How to pick an executor – and why you should have a backup, The Globe & Mail, November 4, 2024
- > Contributing author, Resulting Trusts chapter, British Columbia Estate Litigation,

LexisNexis, 2020

- > Contributing author, Annotated Estates Practice, The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia,
- > Contributing author, Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual, The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia
- > Contributing author, Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation Practice Manual
- > Author, The Core Trustee Duties, Trusts 2021: The Well-Advised Trustee, Pacific Business & Law Institute
- > Author, Estate Litigation Basics: Overview of Main Issues Faced in Estate Litigation, CLE BC 2024

External Presentations

- > "Contentious Estates in BC", People's Law School, December 10, 2024
- > CLE June 2024
- > "The Power and the Glory: What Powers Do Fiduciaries Have & How Are Those Balanced and Administered?", Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, September 21, 2023
- > CLE 2023
- > "The Duties Of The Trustee", Trusts 2021: The Well-Advised Trustee, Pacific Business & Law Institute (PBLI), June 2021
- > "Estate Litigation During COVID-19", Thomson Reuters' Taxnet Pro, March 31, 2020