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Profile

Estate planning and administration can often put individuals in positions where they are required to make difficult decisions. Michael is passionate about helping individuals work through their options by simplifying complex legal principles to ensure that the decisions they do make are well-informed ones.

Michael can also analyze all sides of a sensitive situation to identify effective options for advancing our clients' interests.

Services

- > Trusts
- > Wills
- > Business succession
- > Estate and Trust Administration (including Probate and non-Probate solutions)
- > Estate & Trust Accountings
- > Powers of Attorney
- > Representation agreements

Michael works closely with our clients and their professional advisors to help implement effective plans for transfer of wealth, business succession, incapacity, disability or other needs.

There are a number of challenges that can arise through the estate administration process. Our clients find much-needed relief with Michael's personable and knowledgeable approach to addressing these challenges. He is able to walk our clients through the probate process, take steps to address ambiguous wills and assist Executors and Trustees with their reporting obligations.

The most rewarding aspect of Michael's legal practice is building relationships with our clients. Learning about their families and appreciating their backgrounds enriches his personal spirit, inspiring him in his quest to help our clients grow.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Trusts and Estates, 2023 - 2026
- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Private Client Awards finalist for Contentious Trusts and Estates Team of the Year 2021

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Association of Gift Planners, member
- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 2012 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, member, 2012 - Present
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member, 2012 - Present
- > Vancouver Bar Association, member

Professional Certifications

- > Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP)

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2012
- > National Committee on Accreditation
- > Bond University (Gold Coast, Australia), Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2009
- > University of Victoria, Bachelor of Arts (History), 2005

External Publications

- > Contributing Author, British Columbia Estate Litigation, 2nd Edition, published by LexisNexis, 2025

External Presentations

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- > The Great Wealth Transfer 2023, Verus Financial, April 2023
- > "Common Traps To Be Wary Of In The Preparation of Wills, Powers Of Attorney & Representation Agreements", BC Paralegal Association, March 2023
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