



Jessica Dorfmann

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Profile

By their very nature, disputes over wills, trusts, and estates occur at times of extreme emotional vulnerability and distress. Jessica helps guide clients through the litigation process with as little cost, turmoil and loss as possible, using the law to unlock solutions that bring peace and restore order to peoples' lives.

Services

- > Capacity and undue influence claims
- > Wills variation claims
- > Trust administration and beneficiary claims
- > Committeeship applications
- > Breach of fiduciary duty claims
- > Unjust enrichment claims
- > Passing of executor and trustee accounts

Before becoming a lawyer, Jessica earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies at Harvard University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with high honours, and went on to earn her Master of Science in Migration Studies from the University of Oxford where she again graduated with distinction.

Over her academic career, Jessica polished her persuasive communications skills and

capitalized on her research capabilities, making her an invaluable resource to our clients throughout the dispute process. Further, Jessica's international experience and extensive focus on humanities allows her to anticipate and support the distinct needs of our diverse clientele.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Ernie and Peggy Miller Memorial Prize in Family Law, 2021
- > 2nd Place Team and Factum, Wilson Moot, 2020
- > Lawson Lundell Prize in Constitutional Law, 2019
- > T. Wing Wai Entrance Scholarship, 2018
- > Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Fellowship, 2016
- > Harold Bolitho Undergraduate Research Scholarship in Australian Studies, 2016
- > Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Undergraduate Senior Thesis Research Grant, 2016

Industry Involvement

- > Law Society of British Columbia, member

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2022
- > University of British Columbia, Juris Doctor, 2021
- > University of Oxford, Master of Science, 2018
- > Harvard University, Bachelor of Arts, 2017

External Publications & Presentations

- > Contributing Author, British Columbia Estate Litigation, 2nd Edition, published by LexisNexis, 2025
- > You Can Never Sink a Rainbow: Anti-Nuclearism in the Pacific, Harvard International Review, March 2016
- > New Wealth Seeks a "Home": The Rise of the Hedge City, Harvard International Review, April 2015

Community Commitments

- > UBC Law Women's Rugby Team, past member, 2018 - 2021
- > Indigenous Community Legal Clinic, past student clinician, 2021
- > UBC Law Review, past editor-in-chief (administrative), 2020 – 2021
- > Allard School of Law, past peer tutor, 2019 – 2021
- > Ngāti Rānana, past member, 2017 – 2018