

Mayette Ostonal Paralegal Strata Property

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Profile

Strata Property law is more complex than one might think. Strata councils are essentially mini-governments meant to enforce the laws that govern their fellow owners and residents. That is hard enough, but then factor in that strata council members are all volunteers of varying employment and life experience levels. It's a wonder that chaos doesn't ensue.

Despite its efforts to be more accessible to "lay litigants" the Civil Resolution Tribunal (CRT) is a foreign process to most people. Add in the emotional toll of handling your own claim and watching too many fictional courtroom dramas, and strata councils find themselves panicking when it's time to present their case.

Mayette wants to demystify the CRT and other court processes for clients, and she does so with experience, knowledge, and empathy. Her many years working as a litigation paralegal have exposed her to people who feel a little lost and frustrated.

With strata matters, clients are often fighting for something personal, and they want to be heard. Mayette can sense how a client wants their case handled and can collaborate with them in a way that makes them comfortable and confident but also gets the job done on time and to the client's satisfaction.

Credentials

Industry Involvement

- > Amici Curiae Friendship Society, voting member, 2023 Present
- > BC Paralegal Association, voting member, 2009 Present
- > Legal Coaches Association, voting member, 2020 Present
- > Law Society of British Columbia, BC Innovation Sandbox participant, 2021 Present
- > BC Legal Management Association, past member, 2016 2019
- > Richmond School District, Legal Administrative Assistant Program instructor, 2008
- > Burnaby School District, Legal Administrative Assistant Program instructor, 2008

Community Commitments

- > Amici Curiae Friendship Society, board member, 2023 Present
- Law Society of British Columbia Tribunal Chair's Roundtable, public representative, 2023
 Present
- > Amici Curiae Friendship Society, manager, 2022 Present
- > Amici Curiae Friendship Society, volunteer, 2011 Present
- > BC Paralegal Association, director and social media chair, 2016 2022
- > YWCA, high school mentorship program mentor, 2005 2015
- > City of Port Coquitlam, moderator for the Youth Advisory Committee, 2001 2006
- > New Westminster Bar Association, past volunteer for Annual Judges' Dinners

Education

- > Legal Coaches Association, Legal Coaching Certification, 2020
- Capilano University, Paralegal Diploma, 2005
- > Simon Fraser University, Bachelor of Arts (English), 2003

External Publications & Presentations

- Contributing author, How to Apply for No Court Filing Fees in BC Supreme Court (Family and Civil guides), published by Amici Curiae Friendship Society, 2022
- > Presenter, The Art of Legal Coaching seminar, Legal Coaches Association, 2022
- > Presenter, Capilano Legal Association event, 2022
- Contributing author, My Road to the Innovation Sandbox, published by BC Paralegal Association, 2022
- Contributing author, The CanLii Manual to British Columbia Litigation, published by CanLii, 2020
- Contributing author, The Guide to Civil Procedure at the Supreme Court of British Columbia, published by the Law Courts Centre, 2015
- > Contributing author, Culture Club: Should the Courts Become Legal Chameleons (two-part article series), published by the Law Courts Centre, 2015
- Contributing author, Peeking Past the Blindfold: The Impact of Culture on Self-Represented Litigants, published by the Law Courts Centre, 2014
- Contributing author, Drafting Affidavits Just the Relevant Facts, published by the Law Courts Centre, 2012
- Contributing author, Drafting Applications Workshop 101, published by the Law Courts Centre, 2011

Awards & Distinctions

> Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in British Columbia, 2023 - Present