



Tristan Miller

Associate

Estates & Trusts

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Profile

Disputes over wills, trusts and estates often occur during times of great emotional vulnerability and distress. Tristan's role is to help ease our clients' burden by providing practical guidance and astute legal advice to effectively resolve these disputes.

Tristan works closely with beneficiaries, executors and trustees to understand their unique goals and circumstances, culminating in sound and holistic legal strategies to realize those objectives. Our clients appreciate his ability to listen to their concerns, quickly identify the issues, and explain the possible solutions with candid feedback on the pros and cons of each.

Having successfully represented clients at all levels of court in British Columbia, and at the Supreme Court of Canada, clients benefit from Tristan's knowledge of courtroom procedures, his sharp analytical mind, and his talent in crafting compelling arguments.

Services

- > Contested applications for validating and propounding wills
- > Incapacity claims
- > Removal of executors
- > Wills variation claims
- > Wills, Estates and Succession Act (WESA) section 58 claims

- > Committeeship and guardianship applications

Tristan holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Ottawa, where he graduated cum laude. Over his academic tenure, Tristan authored and presented several academic papers on the criminalization of HIV and the law of infectious disease in Canada, including a paper which won First Prize at the Osgoode Forum. This extensive research background on the intersection of health law and policy for vulnerable and aging populations means that Tristan deeply understands the complex legal issues surrounding healthcare and decision-making, making him a knowledgeable and persuasive advocate for our clients.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > First prize winner and selected presenter for the Osgood Forum, York University's Osgood School of Law, 2015
- > Selected presenter for the Rethinking Law, Criminal Justice Policy and Regulation Conference from the University of Toronto's Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, 2018

Industry Involvement

- > BC Civil Liberties Association, member, 2019 - present
- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 2019 - present
- > Canadian Bar Association of BC, member, 2019 - present
- > Canadian Bar Association of BC's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community (SOGIC), executive member-at-large, 2019 - present
- > Canadian Bar Association's Wills, Estates and Trusts section, member, 2020 - present
- > Canadian HIV Legal Network, member, 2018 - present
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member, 2019 - present
- > The Advocates' Society, member, 2020 - present
- > Trial Lawyers Association of BC, member, 2022 - present

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2019
- > University of Ottawa, Juris Doctor (cum laude), 2018
- > University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), 2014

External Presentations & Publications

- > Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, Land (Spouse Protection) Act Issues in Estate Planning, author, April 8, 2021
- > Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, Estate Planning for Blended Families 2021 Conference, presenter, April 8, 2021