Areet Kaila

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Partner

Tax
Estates & Trusts
Private Company Mergers & Acquisitions
Charities & Not-For-Profits Law
Family Office

Profile

Tax is a fundamental aspect of most business transactions and individual estate plans. Tax laws are complex, ever-changing and difficult to maneuver. While for most clients, the end goal is rarely tax-related, a successful outcome is often tax-dependent. As such, Areet helps individuals, businesses and tax-exempt entities plan for the future and achieve their goals while identifying and managing the tax risks.

Areet works with clients across a variety of industries, including real estate development, health and educational institutions, technology and manufacturing companies as well as charities and not-for-profit organizations.

An analytical and detail-oriented nature makes Areet a natural fit for a practice in tax.

Services

- Tax-effective corporate reorganizations, including estate freezes and restructuring for business succession purposes
- Tax-effective structures, including limited partnerships and joint ventures, for real estate development

- Tax aspects of corporate and commercial transactions, such as reducing tax liabilities arising on the sale of a business
- Creation, registration and operation of not-for-profit and charitable organizations
- Trust and estate planning services including setting up trusts (family trusts, alter ego and joint spousal trusts) and advising on trust transactions including restructuring and winding up

Having completed the specialized Canadian Professional Accounting In-Depth Tax Course, Areet has the foundation to identify and resolve intricate tax issues for our clients.

Her goal is to navigate complex tax rules so that clients do not have to spend more time than necessary dealing with tax matters and their focus can be solely dedicated to their business.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- Best Lawyers in Canada, Trusts and Estates, 2024
- Bishop & McKenzie Prize in Corporations Law
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Private Client Awards finalist for Contentious Trusts and Estates Team of the Year 2021

Industry Involvement

- Canadian Bar Association, Tax Section executive committee member, 2022 - Present
- Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Tax Subsection chair, 2022 - Present
- Canadian Association of Gift Planners, member, 2012 - Present
- Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Tax Subsection member, 2011 - Present
- Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Charities & Non-Profit Law Subsection member, 2011 - Present
- Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Wills & Estates Subsection member, 2011 - Present
- Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, past Tax Subsection vice-chair, 2020 - 2022
- Canadian Tax Foundation, past Annual BC Tax Conference planning committee member, 2018 - 2020
- Canadian Bar Association BC Branch, past Tax Subsection secretary, 2018 - 2020
- Canadian Bar Association BC Branch, past Tax Subsection treasurer, 2016 - 2018

Community Commitments

- Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, past board member, 2016 - 2021

Education & Call to Bar

- Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA), In-Depth Tax Course Parts I, II and III
- Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2011
- University of Alberta, Bachelor of Laws degree (with distinction), 2010

- University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing), 2006

External Presentations

- Presenter, "To Freeze or Not to Freeze - That is the Question," Chartered Professional Accountants British Columbia, PD Nexus: Estate Planning Insights, October 12, 2023
- Presenter, "A Review of the new Mandatory Disclosure Rules," Canadian Tax Foundation, 2022 British Columbia Tax Conference, September 19, 2022
- Presenter, "21-Year Rule Planning," Pacific Business & Law Institute, Trusts 2022, June 2, 2022
- Presenter, "Amending Trusts", Pacific Business & Law Institute, March 13, 2018
- Presenter, Business Owners & Tax: Tax Reform Impact seminar with Thrivewise, October 11, 2017
- Presenter, Private Company Tax Proposal: The Changing Landscape, Canadian Bar Association, Business Law Section Meeting, October 4, 2017
- Presenter, Essential Tax Considerations for Will and Estate Planners, Continuing Legal Education, May 2017
- Presenter, Real Estate Tax Changes and Their Impact on Estate and Trust Planning, The Canadian Bar Association Wills & Estates Subsection, November 2016
- Presenter, 2014 Federal Budget and its Impact on Spousal, Alter Ego and Joint Partner Trust Planning, The Canadian Bar Association Wills & Estates Subsection, January 2015

External Publications

- Contributor, BC Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual - 2016 Update