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Biography

Alexander has an aptitude for structuring creative solutions that accomplish the best results for his clients. His experience in various areas of litigation has also given him the ability to successfully navigate the multifaceted and complex nature of estate litigation files.

Alexander has particular expertise in matters relating to estates, trusts, and fiduciary and capacity-related proceedings. He has successfully represented individuals, institutions, and charitable organizations in this area, including in will challenges, will interpretations, dependant support applications, passing-of-account applications, and proceedings involving breach of fiduciary duty. He also regularly advises financial institutions and trust companies in relation to estates, powers of attorney, capacity issues and the administration of estates during litigation.

Professional achievements & leadership

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada: Ones to Watch* – Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2024

Thought leadership

Selected Publications:

- Speaker, "Canadian Elder Law Conference 2023", Vancouver, BC, The Role of the Medical Expert in an Estate Practice
- Contributor, "BCLI Undue Influence Recognition and Prevention Guide", BCLI Report No. 94, December 2022
- "Spousal Claims Against Estates: The Utility and Impact of Domestic Contracts", *Money & Family Law*, Issue 35-10, October 2020
- "Interim Support and Funding Orders: Post-Mortem Claims Made by the 'Modern Day' Spouse", *Key Developments in Estates and Trusts Law in Ontario*, 2017-2018 Edition
- "Social Media Discovery and Civil Litigation in Canada", *The Advocates' Quarterly*, Vol. 50, 2019
- "When the Courts 'Swipe left' on a Claim for Dependant Relief: *Stajduhar v. Wolfe*", *Money & Family Law*, Issue 33-2, 2018
- "Love and Marriage (...and death): When Family Law and Estate Litigation Collide", *Money & Family Law*, Issue 33-1, 2018
- "The Princess (and her) Bride: Predatory Marriages in Paradise",

RELATED SERVICES

Estates and Trusts Litigation
Private Client Services

Corporate directorships

- Law & Policy Liaison, Canadian Bar Association, Wills and Trusts (Vancouver) Subsection
- Student Liaison Officer (Student Rep), Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Vancouver Branch
- Section Executive Member, Ontario Bar Association – Elder Law, 2019-2020
 - Advocating directly for older adults by engaging in consultation, legislative change, submissions, recommendations, public speaking, and professional development
- Professional Advisory Group Member, Baycrest Hospital Foundation, 2017-2020
 - Organizing initiatives to support the Baycrest Foundation and to provide resources to educate financial, legal and accounting professionals for the purpose of offering advice to their clients
- Young Lawyers Committee Member, Toronto Lawyers Association, 2018-2019
 - Organized initiatives for young lawyers to enhance their understanding of litigation principles and practices, and to network with other litigation counsel at similar stages in their careers

Professional memberships

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of British Columbia
- Law Society of Ontario

Bar admissions & education

- British Columbia, 2020
- Ontario, 2017
- STEP Canada Diploma Program Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) Designation Program
- J.D., University of Windsor Law, 2016
- B.A. (with High Distinction), Simon Fraser University, 2012