



## Howard S. Black

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### Biography

Howard's practice focuses on estate litigation and in-person and online mediation of estates disputes with extensive experience in all aspects of estate planning and administration. In addition to a busy estate litigation and mediation practice, Howard provides estate planning advice and advises on wills and powers of attorney to middle and high net-worth individuals in person and using digital means.

Howard is passionate about the law and about giving back to the legal community. He is a regular speaker and contributor to legal education programs sponsored by the Law Society of Ontario, the Ontario Bar Association, as well as other organizations. Howard has published four editions of *Wills and Estates: Cases, Text, and Materials*. Howard is also ranked by his peers as a "Consistently Recommended" lawyer in the *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory* and is recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada*.

Clients appreciate Howard's ability to explain complex issues and mediate tense and stressful situations. Clients have stated he exhibits integrity, sincerity, wisdom, and 'out of the box' smarts in a manner that all lawyers should emulate.

### RELATED SERVICES

Arbitration & Mediation  
Estates and Trusts Litigation  
Private Client Services

### Professional achievements & leadership

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Trust and Estates, 2006-2024
- *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory*, Estate and Personal Tax Planning, 2022-2024
- OBA Award of Excellence in Trusts and Estates Law, 2023
- Toronto's Top Lawyers, Estate, Trusts & Wills, Post City Magazine, 2022-2023
- Osgoode Hall Law School Teaching Award, 2003-2004
- Legal and Literary Society Teaching Excellence Award

### Thought leadership

#### Presentations

- Speaker, "[How family dynamics can impact your estate plan](#)", RBC Wealth: Matters Beyond Wealth podcast, March 1, 2023

#### Faculty Experience

- Adjunct Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School

**Publications**

- Wills and Estates: Cases, Text, and Materials, 4th Edition

**Community involvement**

- President of Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto, 2008
- Interim Director of Camp Ramah in Canada, 2002

**Corporate directorships**

- Chair of the Estates and Trusts Section Executive of the Canadian Bar Association (Ontario), 2002-2003

**Professional memberships**

- Ontario Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario

**Bar admissions & education**

- Ontario, 1985
- L.L.M, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2001
- J.D, Osgoode Hall Law School, 1983
- B.A, University of Toronto, 1980