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Industries & Expertise

EXPERTISE

Estates and Trusts Litigation

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2017

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of British Columbia, 2016
- Bachelor of Arts (History), Harvard University, 2007

Christopher Crisman-Cox focuses on estate and trust litigation, dedicated to solving problems efficiently for his clients. Matters that he regularly deals with include Will challenges, applications for Will interpretation, support claims against estates, disputes involving executor/trustee accounts and duties, and power of attorney/guardianship matters. Chris is also experienced in family law, including complex cases involving the intersection of family and estates law.

Chris has served on the Board of the Guelph Youth Music Center and as a Member of Belwood Lodge and Camp. During law school, he participated extensively in the Law Students' Legal Advice Program at University

of British Columbia.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in Canada – Ones to Watch*, Trusts and Estates, 2025

Thought leadership

- Co-editor, Miller Thomson LLP Estate Litigation Blog
- Private Client Canada, Lexology Legal Influencer Q3 2020

Notable Matters

- Established various joint accounts belong to estate rather than passing to joint account holder
- Client prevailing in contested guardianship dispute among family members
- Compelling interim distribution of estate funds to beneficiary
- Successful negotiation to resolve beneficiary objections in complex, high-value estate
- Obtaining significant value for beneficiary excluded from Will
- Litigation involving appropriateness of post-mortem tax planning and cross-border issues for high-value estates

Community roles

- Guelph Youth Music Center, Former Board Member
- Belwood Lodge and Camp, Former Member
- Law Students' Legal Advice Program (University of British Columbia)