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Industries & Expertise

EXPERTISE

Arbitration and Mediation | Estates and Trusts Litigation | Private Client Services | Tax

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1985

EDUCATION

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

Howard's practice focuses on estate litigation and in-person and online mediation and arbitration of estates disputes with extensive experience in all aspects of family estate planning and administration. In addition, Howard provides estate planning advice to middle and high net-worth individuals, including offering counsel on wills, powers of attorney, tax planning and other related areas. Howard's vast experience in all aspects of wills and estates law comes from his 40 years in practice exclusively in these areas of the law. Howard also serves as an adjunct professor in Wills and estate litigation courses at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto for

over 30 years and is the author of a popular text on the subject of wills and estates. Howard's clients value his adeptness at simplifying complex matters and deftly handling challenging scenarios, praising his integrity, deep wisdom, and innovative problem-solving skills.

Howard is a past chair of the Trusts & Estates section of the Ontario Bar Association and has always been involved in a variety of charitable and community organizations.

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 and the Ontario Bar Association. He is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School and the author of a welcome text on wills and estates. Howard has earned many teaching awards, as well as being the recipient of the Award of Excellence in Trusts & Estates law by the Ontario Bar Association.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Trust and Estates, 2006-2026
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Estate and Personal Tax Planning, 2022-2026
- 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 roles

- 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

Memberships & affiliations

- Ontario Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario