

# Maya Claire Gordon

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Maya's clients benefit not only from her experience and skill, but also the thoughtfulness she brings to her practice.

As an estate lawyer, Maya helps individuals and families craft comprehensive estate plans. This involves preparing Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives, and where necessary preparing additional documents including family trusts.

She also works with executors, administrators and trust companies with estate administration duties, with the goal of bringing an estate to completion. This includes obtaining Grants of various kinds (Probate, Administration, Re-Sealing), helping with administering the estate, accounting to beneficiaries and assisting with issues that arise in estates, such as beneficiary disputes, family maintenance and support claims, or missing/non-compliant documents. She also works in the area of Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship, assisting families in getting the power to make decisions for the ones they love.

Maya is recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers*™ in Canada in the area of Trusts and Estates (2022-23). She is in her fifth year of teaching at the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta in the areas of wills and estate administration. She also previously taught Estate Procedures at MacEwan University, and regularly provides seminars on estate topics to clients, pro bono groups or the public.

Maya appreciates that for many, dealing with estate matters can feel daunting or even uncomfortable. She strives to create an experience for her clients that helps to diffuse those feelings. She feels gratified every time a client tells her the experience was much more pleasant than they were anticipating.

Beyond her wills and estates work, Maya has been a member of the firm's professional regulatory team for many years. Her clients include associations, colleges and other professional regulators of varying sizes. Her work includes representing regulators in conduct hearings and providing independent legal advice to decision-making panels.

Maya first started with Reynolds Mirth as a summer student in 2008. After graduating law school in 2010, she clerked with the Court of King's Bench in Alberta to Justice D. Thomas before completing her articles with the firm and being called to the bar in December, 2011.

## Maya's Associations

- Edmonton Bar Association
- STEP Edmonton
- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association, Wills, Estates and Trusts (North) Section

## practice areas

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- Wills, Estates & Trusts
- Professional Regulatory Law
- Boards, Tribunals & Administrative Law
- Collections & Foreclosures
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Constitution & Charter of Rights and Freedoms

## education

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University of Alberta, B.A. (with Honours)  
University of Victoria, LL.B.  
TEP Designation

## admissions

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Alberta, 2011

- Board Member, Edmonton Community Legal Centre
- Member, Estate Planning Council of Edmonton

## Maya's Awards & Recognitions

- [The Best Lawyers™ in Canada in the area of Trusts and Estates \(2022-2023\)](#)
- The Fasken Martineau DuMoulin Shield
- The McCarthy Tetrault Scholarship in Memory of John Finlay
- The Maritime Law Book Prize for Legal Ethics