

*We offer skillful and creative advice in Estate Planning, Estate Administration, and Estate Litigation.*

## Easing the burden of decision-making

Estate matters come with many challenges and decisions. This is the case whether you are planning your own estate, administering the estate of a loved one, or involved in an estate dispute as a beneficiary or as an executor.

Our Wills, Estates & Trusts team understands this. We also understand that there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Challenges, sensitivities and important factors vary.

## An integrated approach to planning

We take an integrated approach to Estate Planning that includes more than preparing a last will and testament.

A comprehensive estate plan involves reducing risk and maximizing benefit not only for your estate, but in the case of serious illness or incapacity. We can help you with:

- Advice related to high net worth estates, including establishing trusts and cross-border issues
- Succession planning for business owners and family businesses. This includes advice related to corporate structure and shareholder matters
- Drafting Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, and Personal Directives
- Appointing or changing Personal Representatives in estate documents
- Matters related to reducing or deferring tax
- Options and advice related to investments such as RRSPs, investment portfolios, and life insurance
- Planning for charitable giving
- Establishing and administering trusts for beneficiaries who will require long-term care

We provide our clients with practical advice, no matter how complex the estate, to inform them and empower them to make decisions.

*Shelly Chamaschuk, Partner & Wills, Estates & Trusts Team Leader*

## Administration and Litigation

We offer skillful and practical advice related to estate administration. We can help you with:

- Applications for probate, administration or resealed grants
- Estate administration for personal representatives
- Estate litigation, including challenging wills
- Enduring power of attorney litigation
- Family Maintenance and Support Applications (formerly Dependents Relief Claims)

### Related Practice Areas

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Business Advice and Transactions

### Wills, Estates & Trusts Team



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- Estates with no will (Intestate Estates)
- Adult guardianship and trusteeship
- Emergency trusteeship or guardianship
- Mediation of estate issues

## Leaders in Education and in the Community

Our lawyers frequently lecture and publish articles on topics related to estate planning. This includes work within the Wills, Estates & Trusts community, and teaching law students. We are involved in a number of related organizations and associations including:

- Edmonton Estate Planning Council
- Canadian Association of Family Enterprises
- Canadian Bar Association Alberta Elder Law Section
- Canadian Bar Association Alberta Wills, Estates and Trusts Section
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

## Learn More

If you would like more information about how we can help you, reach out to Team Leader Shelly Chamaschuk or any member of our Wills, Estates & Trusts team.