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Practice Areas

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Lori Isaj is an associate in the Wills, Trusts and Estates Practice Group at WeirFoulds.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Lori practiced at a full-service mid-sized law firm in the area of Trusts and Estates. She advises clients on estate planning and tax planning related to wills and domestic trusts. Lori has experience in preparing and advising clients on powers of attorney for property and for personal care. She advises estate trustees and beneficiaries on all aspects of estate administration matters including applications for a certificate of appointment, estate accounting, and compensation. Lori also provides support on matters related to dependent support claims and guardianship proceedings.

Lori is an active member of several professional organizations and currently volunteers with Pro Bono Ontario providing free legal advice to Ontarians in need related to wills, powers of attorney and estates.

Outside of law, Lori enjoys travelling, yoga, and golf, and is a dedicated member of a trivia team.

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Called to the Bar

- Ontario (2017)

Languages

- English
- Albanian
- French

Education

- Indigenous Canada Course, University of Alberta, 2021
- J.D., University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, 2016
- B.A. (Honours), Queen's University, 2013

Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Junior Trusts and Estates Practitioners Group (JTEP)
- Young Women in Law
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Albanian-Canadian Excellence Association
- Albanian Canadian Lawyers Association

Awards

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in Trusts & Estates Law, 2023, 2024

Professional Activities

- Associate Member – STEP

Community Involvement

Volunteer, Pro Bono Ontario

Other Publications:

- Co-author, "Charitable Giving in a Will and the Cy-Pres Doctrine: Ensuring Certainty and Intention in Gifts to Charities", *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, Fall 2023 Edition, November 2023
- Co-author, "Accomplishing your philanthropic goals: Private Foundations and Donor Advised Funds", *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, Spring 2023 Edition, April 2023
- Co-author, "Is it time to update your Will and Powers of Attorney", *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, Fall 2022 Edition, November 2022
- Co-Author, "International Trust Laws", Jordan Publishing, Updated Chapter on Canada (update 104), June 2022
- Co-author, "New Year, New Estate Laws", *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, Spring 2022 Edition, April 2022
- Co-author, "Update on *Calmusky v. Calmusky*: The Continuing Uncertainty of the Presumption of Resulting Trust in Beneficiary Designations", *Taxes and Wealth Management*, Thomson Reuters Canada, Issue 14-3, October 2021
- Co-author, "Significant Estates Law Changes are Coming for All Ontarians: An Overview of Bill 245 & Rule Changes for Small Estates", *Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners, Connection Toronto Branch Newsletter*, vol. 8, no. 7, May 2021
- Co-author, "Ontario Moving to Electronic Filing of Probate Applications and Other Estate Law Updates", *Taxes and Wealth Management*, Thomson Reuters Canada, Issue 13-3, November 2020
- Co-author, "Execution of Wills and Powers of Attorney During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Ontario", *Taxes and Wealth Management*, Thomson Reuters Canada, Issue 13-2, May 2020
- Co-author, "International Trust Laws", Jordan Publishing, Updated Chapter on Canada (update 91), March 2019
- Co-author, "Case Comment: *Stajduhar v. Wolfe* 2017 ONSC 4954", *Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners, Connection Toronto Branch Newsletter*, January 2018
- Co-author, "Literacy Requirements of Court Documents: An Underexplored Barrier to Access to Justice", *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice*, Vol. 33, No. 2, 2016

Other Speaking Engagements:

- Presenter, "Make a Will Month," Ontario Bar Association, 2019

- Presenter, "Professionalism and Ethical Issues for Tax Lawyers," Ontario Bar Association, 2016

Publications

- In Case You Missed It: Updates to Ontario Probate Application Forms, October 30, 2023
- WeirFoulds lawyers published in *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning* Fall 2023 Edition, October 27, 2023
- WeirFoulds lawyers published in *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning* Spring 2023 Edition, April 17, 2023
- WeirFoulds lawyers published in *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning* Fall 2022 Edition, November 07, 2022
- New Year, New Estate Laws, April 11, 2022