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Practice Areas

Wills, Trusts & Estates

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

She advises domestic and international clients on all aspects of estate planning, trust and tax planning, and incapacity planning. She also advises executors, trustees, and beneficiaries on all aspects of estate and trust administration. Lori has extensive experience handling complex estate, trust, and incapacity matters and helping clients navigate through complexity with compassion and a focus on client service.

Lori uses her knowledge, skills, and experience to help her community. She volunteers with Pro Bono Ontario providing free legal advice to Ontarians in need related to wills, powers of attorney and estates. She has participated in the Ontario Bar Association's Make a Will Month, speaking at local libraries about the importance of preparing wills and powers of attorney. She is regularly invited to present to local community groups and organizations about estate and tax planning.

Lori is a contributor to several publications including *Taxes and Wealth Management*, *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, and the Ontario Bar Association Trusts and Estates Law Section.

In 2024, Lori completed the requirements necessary to earn the Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) designation from the international Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Lori has been repeatedly recognized in *Best Lawyers Ones to Watch* in Trusts and Estates for lawyers in their early career showing outstanding professional excellence in private practice.

Outside of law, Lori enjoys travelling, golf, trivia, reading, and sharing meals and spending quality time with family and friends. She is a dedicated member of a volleyball team and a fantasy football team.

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Called to the Bar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario (2017) 	Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Canada Course, University of Alberta, 2021 • J.D., University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, 2016 • B.A. (Honours), Queen's University, 2013 	Affiliations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) • Canadian Bar Association • Ontario Bar Association • Canadian Tax Foundation • Junior Trusts and Estates Practitioners Group (JTEP) • Albanian-Canadian Excellence Association • Albanian Canadian Lawyers Association
Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Albanian • French 		

Awards

- Repeatedly recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in Trusts & Estates

Professional Activities

- Trust & Estate Practitioner – STEP

Community Involvement

Volunteer, Pro Bono Ontario

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Make a Will", Ontario Bar Association, Oakville Public Library, Oakville, ON, November 21, 2024

Other Publications:

- Author, "Planning for the Legal Practice: Understanding the Law Society of Ontario's New Contingency Planning Requirements for Lawyers and Paralegals", Taxes and Wealth Management, Thomson Reuters Canada, Issue 18-1, March 2025
- 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