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Practice Areas

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Jennifer Corak is a Partner in the Wills, Trusts & Estates Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP.

Jennifer is highly experienced in the areas of estate planning and administration, practicing exclusively in this area. As part of her practice, Jennifer helps her clients navigate the estate planning process, drafts wills, continuing powers of attorney for property, powers of attorney for personal care and trusts, and advises estate trustees and beneficiaries with respect to the administration of estates.

Over the course of her career, Jennifer has guided both Canadian and international clients through a variety of wills and estates matters, including cross-border and international estate planning, estates and trust taxation, will and probate planning, planning for beneficiaries with disabilities and incapacity planning. Jennifer also has experience in succession planning for closely held businesses and planning for individuals in complex family arrangements. She assists a wide range of clients, including high-net-worth individuals, entrepreneurs, business owners, and other professionals.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Jennifer was a Partner at a Toronto-based, full-service law firm, where she was a member of the Wills and Estates Group.

Jennifer is a member of the Ontario Bar Association executive for Trusts and Estates law and Elder Law and co-Editor-in-Chief of Federated Press' *Personal Tax and Estate Planning* journal. She is also a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), holding the Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) designation. She has been recognized by her peers and colleagues as a leading lawyer in trusts and estates law by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* and was the recipient of the award for the highest mark in the STEP Canada Law of Trusts Course in 2018.

Outside of her legal practice, Jennifer enjoys spending time with family and friends, baking, singing, and enjoying nature.

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Called to the Bar	Education	Affiliations
• Ontario (2013) **Languages** • English • Croatian (conversational)	• STEP Canada, Trust and Estate Practitioner (2021) • University of Windsor, J.D. (2012) • University of Toronto, B.Sc. (Hons.), Life Sciences (2009)	• Ontario Bar Association • Canadian Bar Association • Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) • Junior Trusts and Estates Practitioners (JTEP) • Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) • Estate Planning Council of Toronto • Estate Planning Council of Mississauga

Awards

- Recognized in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Leading Practitioner in Estate & Personal Tax Planning (Estate & Tax Planning), 2024
- *Best Lawyers in Canada: Ones to Watch* – Trust and Estates Law, 2022
- Recipient of the Award for Highest Mark in Law of Trusts Course, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Canada, 2018

Professional Activities

- Estate Planning Council of Toronto – Secretary
- Ontario Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Executive – Newsletter Editor (2023 – Present)
- Ontario Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Executive – Member-at-Large (2021 – 2023)
- Ontario Bar Association, Elder Law Section Executive – Technology Liaison (2019 – 2021)
- Ontario Bar Association, Elder Law Section Executive – Member-at-Large (2018 – 2019, 2021 – Present)
- Personal Tax and Estate Planning Journal, Federated Press – Co-Editor-in-Chief (2022 – Present)

Speaking Engagements

- Chair, "Cross-Border Planning and Administration", Ontario Bar Association, Online, May 16, 2024
- Speaker, "Family, Estates and Real Estate Law", Ontario Legal Conference 2024, Toronto, ON, February 7, 2024
- Moderator, "Acting for the Young Entrepreneur", The Estate Planning Council of Toronto, Online, February 6, 2024
- Panelist, "The Annotated Powers of Attorney for Property and for Personal Care 2024", Law Society of Ontario, Online, January 24, 2024

- Moderator, "Session 5: Estate Planning in the Modern Era - Genetic Material", Online, November 30th, 2023
- Moderator & Speaker, "Session 4: Estate Planning in the Modern Era - Unique Assets", Online, November 23rd, 2023
- Co-Chair, "Estate Planning in the Modern Era Series (5 Webcast Programs)", Canadian Bar Association, November 2nd - November 30th, 2023
- Chair, "Comprehensive End of Life Planning", Ontario Bar Association, Online, October 19, 2023
- Chair, "Beneficiary Designations", Ontario Bar Association, Online, June 7, 2023
- Moderator, "Best Kept Secrets: Little Used but Extremely Helpful Tips and Tricks for Estate Planning", OBA Ontario Legal Conference: Family, Trusts & Estate Law, February 9, 2022
- Moderator, "Key *Family Law Act* Provisions for the Surviving Spouse", OBA Ontario Legal Conference: Family, Trusts & Estate Law, February 8, 2022
- Moderator, "Digital Assets, Estate Planning, and the Law: What You and Your Clients Need to Know", The Estate Planning Council of Toronto", February 7, 2022
- Speaker, "Case Comment on the Ontario Case of Tanti v Tanti", The Estate Planning Council of Toronto (EPCT), April 6, 2021
- Speaker, "The Sale and Succession of the Private Corporation: Choice Tax and Estate Planning Issues", Peel Halton Advocis Chapter, Webinar, May 1 & May 8, 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Crossing Borders: The "Tips" and "Traps" of Cross-Border Estate Planning", Mississauga Estate Planning Council, February 10, 2020
- Panelist, "Estate Administration Panel" at CAGP Greater Toronto Area Chapter's Half Day Summit, For the Love of Gift Planning, January 23, 2020
- Presenter, "Case Comment: The Case of Bayford v Boese" at STEP Toronto's Common Estate Planning Slips event, November 13, 2019
- Presenter, Mississauga Public Library and Ontario Bar Association's Make-a-Will Month Presentation, Mississauga Central Library, November 15, 2018
- Presenter, Mississauga Public Library and Ontario Bar Association's Make-a-Will Month Presentation, Mississauga Valley Library, November 13, 2018
- Co-Presenter, "Estate and Succession Planning", Wolters Kluwer Sale of a Business Seminar Series, October 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018
- Presenter, Toronto Public Library and Ontario Bar Association's Make-a-Will Month Presentation, Mimico Centennial Branch, November 21, 2017
- Presenter, Toronto Public Library and Ontario Bar Association's Make-a-Will Month Presentation, Jane/Dundas Branch, November 4, 2017
- Presenter, "End of Life Planning – Part 2 – The Legalities" held by Fairlawn Avenue United Church, April 20, 2016

Additional Publications

- "Probate planning and joint ownership, part two" – Law360 Canada (December 4, 2023)
- "Probate planning and joint ownership, part one" – Law360 Canada (December 1, 2023)
- "Probate Tax and Probate Planning in Ontario" – For Cidel Asset Management's *Wealth Matters* blog (June 2023)
- "Revocation of Beneficiary Designations by Will and the Case of *Alger v Crumb*" – OBA Trusts and Estates Law *Section Insider* (May 2, 2023)
- "Interpreting In Equal Shares Per Stirpes: The Case of *Jonas v Jonas*" – OBA Trusts and Estates

Law *Section Insider* (March 4, 2023)

- “Due Execution of Wills and the case of *Bayford v Boese*” (March 3, 2022)
- “Capacity to Marry: The Case of *Tanti v Tanti et al.*” (July 3, 2021)
- “Dealing With Canada – Challenges And Opportunities For Global Wealth And Tax Planners” (May 12, 2021)
- “Reform on the horizon in Ontario Estates law” (February 2021)
- “Turning our minds to estate planning and the importance of maintaining an up-to-date estate plan” (March 2020)
- “A recent example of the importance of proper will planning” (February 2020)
- “Over-Involved Adult Children Run the Risk of Invalidating a Parent’s Will or Power of Attorney: The Case of *Graham v Graham*“ (September 2019)
- Co-author, “The Importance of Considering Intellectual Property During the Estate Planning and Estate Administration Process: A Primer”, Taxes & Wealth Management, Issue 12-2, June 2019
- “*Daniel Estate (Re)*: A ‘Good News’ Story’” (May 2019)
- Co-author, Chapter 11 “Income Splitting, The Tax on Split Income (“TOSI”) and the Attribution Rules” in Miller Thomson on Estate Planning, (Thomson Reuters Looseleaf), 2018
- “Donating Wine and Determining Fair Market Value”, Taxes and Wealth Management, Issue 11-3, October 2018
- Co-Author, “The Administration of Testamentary Trusts – Selected Issues and Considerations for Trustees”, Paper prepared for Law Society of Ontario Administration of Trusts and Estates Seminar, September 21, 2018
- “Surviving Spouse Granted Extension of Time to Decide Whether to Make Spousal Election” (June 2018)
- The Importance Of Asking “What if” During The Estate Planning Process – Common Disaster Clauses, Mondaq, August 1, 2017
- December 2016 Amendments To The Business Corporations Act (Ontario) – Part 2, Mondaq, July 27, 2017
- The Importance Of Your Power Of Attorney For Personal Care, Mondaq, July 26, 2017
- Post-Humous Conception And Estates Law – Who Are Your Descendants?, Mondaq, July 26, 2017

Publications

- Joint Ownership as a Probate Planning Strategy – The Cautionary Tale of *Jackson v Rosenberg*, October 31, 2023