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Practice Areas

Blockchain and Digital Assets

Commercial Litigation

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

Jessica Stansfield is a Partner in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group and the Blockchain and Digital Assets Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP. Jessica is top ranked (Band 1) in the Chambers FinTech Guide "Crypto-Asset Disputes – Canada" category.

Jessica represents clients in complex and high-stakes disputes involving digital assets, fraud and asset tracing, breaches of fiduciary and employment-related duties, and shareholder and partnership claims. She has considerable depth in urgent injunctive relief, particularly freezing and preserving funds and digital assets, as well as with cross-border litigation and jurisdictional disputes. She also advises clients on internal policies and controls, evidence preservation, and regulatory and litigation risks arising from data breaches, cybersecurity incidents, and misappropriations of funds and digital assets. Jessica's clients include private and public corporations, traditional and decentralized financial institutions, not-for-profit organizations, and individuals. Her focus is on achieving practical outcomes for clients and providing strategic clarity in challenging situations and complex litigation.

Clients have described Jessica as "bright, dedicated and keenly insightful," and said she "impresses due to her work on multi-jurisdictional fraud and digital asset-tracing and recovery matters."

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Jessica practised at a national full-service firm in Toronto, where she maintained a diverse commercial litigation and professional liability practice. She has appeared before various levels of court in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Prince Edward Island, and federally. Jessica has also represented clients in commercial arbitrations and appeared before numerous administrative tribunals and regulatory bodies.

Jessica is an involved member of the broader legal community. She volunteers with Pro Bono Students Canada as a supervising lawyer and is a contributing author of the CanLII Manual to British Columbia Civil Litigation, which was awarded the Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing. In addition, Jessica is an active member of the Association for Women in Crypto and volunteers with St.

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Michael's Homes where she acts as a Co-Chair of the Board of Directors.

Called to the Bar	Education	Affiliations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontario (2017)• British Columbia (2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Ottawa, Juris Doctor (2016)• Queen's University, Bachelor of Arts Honours (2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law Society of Ontario• Law Society of British Columbia• Canadian Bar Association• The Advocates' Society

Notable Mandates

- Represented a minority shareholder in arbitration proceedings seeking remedies for shareholder oppression and breach of fiduciary duties in relation to excessive director and senior officer compensation.
- Advised a financial institution on an internal investigation of a top performing sales employee believed to have been involved in a fraudulent conveyance and counselled client on related asset tracing.
- Successfully obtained urgent injunctive relief for clients invested in a digital asset mining business, including obtaining numerous court orders tracing cryptocurrency and fund flows, freezing bank and digital exchange platform accounts (Mareva Orders), and preserving cryptocurrency mining equipment and cold storage wallets.
- Defended related hospitality corporations in arbitration proceedings brought by a shareholder and partner alleging breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent misappropriation of shareholder and partnership funds.
- Defended a professional in an action seeking tracing of trust funds and alleging the funds had been misappropriated and siphoned through numerous accounts.
- Acted for a purchasing developer in an urgent application and successfully obtained an injunction granting access to the subject property prior to closing.
- Advised a not-for-profit on an internal investigation into an employee believed to have defrauded the organization through a vendor invoice scheme, and counselled client on related asset tracing and police involvement.
- Represented a plaintiff in an action against a former employee and a former service provider for fraudulent misrepresentation and conspiracy in relation to travel and entertainment expenses billed as client development.
- Acted for a defendant in a summary trial where the plaintiff's claim that he was induced into entering an agreement of purchase and sale based on misrepresentations was successfully dismissed.
- Advised a financial institution on an internal investigation of senior employees suspected of being involved in a fraudulent travel expense scheme.
- Successfully obtained disclosure orders for production of account and transaction records from digital asset platforms, exchanges, and wallet service providers (Norwich Orders) with respect to assisting clients with recovery of cryptocurrency holdings transited through various accounts and wallets.
- Represented a plaintiff prosecuting an action and seeking to trace assets from a fraudulent conveyance of real estate and a cheque forgery scheme.

- Defended a professional and brokerage in an action alleging breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation, and knowing assistance of a fiduciary's breach in a claim brought by a developer against one of its directors.
- Represented a financial institution in an action seeking to recover fraudulently withdrawn funds that were successfully traced and secured with another financial institution pending final determination of the action.
- Advised digital asset trading platform on an internal investigation into employee misconduct and suspected security breaches.

Awards

- Recognized by *Chambers FinTech Guide* as a Band 1 ranked lawyer in the Crypto-Asset Disputes – Canada category (2026)

Community Involvement

- Cybersecurity Committee Member, Canadian Blockchain Consortium
- Supervising Lawyer, Pro Bono Students Canada
- Co-Chair and Board Member, St. Michael's Homes

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Our Annual Round Up: Fraud, Tech and Asset Recovery – What's New, What's Interesting and What Is Downright Scary", 8th Annual Asset Recovery International, Dublin, February 25-27, 2026 Ireland,
- Speaker, "Courts, Crypto & Code: Making Sense of Digital Asset Law", Seize & Desist, Asset Reality, Podcast, November 25, 2025
- Speaker, "Decrypting crypto businesses from startup to big time", Women in Crypto, Association for Women in Cryptocurrency, Podcast, September 17, 2025
- Speaker, "Safeguarding your Digital Asset Platform in the Golden Age of Crypto", Association for Women in Cryptocurrency, Consensus Toronto, Toronto, ON, May 15, 2025
- Speaker, "Understanding Crypto and Digital Assets in Insolvency Proceedings", Ontario Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Professionals, Webinar, March 6, 2025
- Speaker, "Protecting Charities & Not-For-Profits from Fraud: Understanding the Risks & Best Practices for Prevention", Member Agencies of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Webinar, February 11, 2025.

Additional Publications

- Contributing Author, *Manual to British Columbia Civil Litigation*, 2020

Publications

- Commercial Litigation Insights: Don't Hide Behind the Messenger – ONCA Upholds Judgment Despite Intermediary Conveying Fraudster's False Messages, November 17, 2025
- Landmark RCMP Seizure of Over \$56 Million in Cryptocurrency from TradeOgre, September

19, 2025

- Mango Markets Guilty Conviction Overturned on Appeal – Take-aways for DeFi Users Everywhere, May 30, 2025
- Crypto Scammers Capitalize on Political Uncertainty as Securities Regulators Warn of Increasing Sophistication of Online Investment Frauds, March 14, 2025
- Canadian Medjedovic Indicted for DeFi Fraud in the Eastern District of New York: Rule of Law '2', Code is Law '0?', February 04, 2025
- Commercial Litigation Insights: From Banks to Blockchain: Could Exchanges in Receipt of Stolen Digital Assets be Liable as Constructive Trustees?, February 04, 2025
- Defending Against Fraud This Holiday Season: A Guide For Charities And Not-For-Profits, December 03, 2024
- Rule of Law '1', Code is Law '0': Eisenberg Convicted in Mango Markets Criminal Trial after He Shies Away from Testifying, April 19, 2024
- Commercial Litigation Insights: Securities Enforcement? But They're Crypto Tokens, Not Shares..., February 07, 2024
- Cryptocurrency 'Regulation by Enforcement' as Hot as Ever: What's to come from Securities Regulators in 2024?, February 05, 2024
- Postponement of Long-Awaited Mango Markets Criminal Trial on the Heels of SBF Guilty Verdict: What's to Come?, November 27, 2023