

# Carissa DeMarinis

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**Practice Areas**

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

Carissa DeMarinis is an Associate in the Wills, Trusts & Estates Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Carissa summered at the Toronto office of a global law firm and articulated with the Office of the Children's Lawyer, an independent law office in Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General. In her articling role, she worked on behalf of children in wills & estates, civil litigation, child protection and family law matters, and provided rights advice to children in secure treatment facilities.

Carissa earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. During her time as a student, she was elected to serve as a 1L representative on the Students' Law Society and was a caseworker at Downtown Legal Services, where she represented tenants in Landlord and Tenant Board disputes. Carissa and her teammate won "Best Negotiation Plan" at the 2023 Walsh Family Law Negotiation Competition.

**Called to the Bar**

- Ontario (2024)

**Education**

- University of Toronto Faculty of Law, J.D., 2023
- University of Toronto, Bachelor of Science (Honours), High Distinction, 2020

**Awards**

- Best Negotiation Plan, Walsh Family Law Negotiation Competition (2023)
- Gerald W. Schwartz Summer Fellowship, University of Toronto (2020)– awarded to seventeen incoming law students based on the strength of their J.D. application.

**Community Involvement**

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- Upper Year Mentor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2021 – 2023)
- Student Caseworker, Downton Legal Services – Housing Division (2021 – 2022)
- Child and Family Law Club Representative, University of Toronto (2020 – 2022)
- 1L Student Affairs and Governance Representative, Students' Law Society, University of Toronto (2020 – 2021)
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Working Group Member, International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto (2020 – 2021)
- Co-Director/Co-President and Piano Teacher, Musical Minds Community Outreach (2016 – 2020)