



Laura Geddes

Lawyer - Wills & Estate Planning

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Laura acts for clients on all aspects of estate planning and estate administration.

Education

University of Alberta

Called to the Bar in 2012

About

Laura joined Siskinds in 2012, after articling as a Judicial Research Clerk for the London Superior Court of Justice. Her practice focuses on estate planning and estate administration, including the preparation of Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Trusts. Laura also regularly advises clients who are acting as an Estate Trustee, or as a substitute decision maker under a Power of Attorney, on their duties and obligations. She has a particular interest in estate planning for families who have a loved one receiving Ontario Disability Support Payments, including the preparation of Henson Trusts. Laura is a certified Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) with the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). This internationally recognized designation that signifies her proficiency in estates and trusts.

Laura completed her law degree at the University of Alberta, where she graduated with First Class Honours. In her final year of law school, she was the recipient of the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Prize for the highest mark in Insurance Law. Laura also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Dalhousie University, where she completed a double major in Biology and Philosophy. Outside of work, Laura enjoys reading and spending time outdoors with her family.

Memberships and Associations

- STEP Southwestern Ontario Chapter, Executive Member, 2022-current
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Member
- Middlesex Law Association, Member



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Community Involvement

- Boys & Girls Club of London Foundation, Board Member 2013-2019
- London Community Orchestra, Violin, 2012-2020, Board Member 2013-2020
- Society of Estate and Trust Practitioners, Member

Publications and Speaking

- Presenter at the Law Society of Ontario's Annotated Will 2023 webinar;
- Panelist at the Law Society of Ontario's 25th Annual Estates and Trusts Summit;
- Regular presenter at the Alzheimer Society of London & Middlesex "Next Steps" program series;
- Presenter at the Alzheimer Society of London & Middlesex Brain Matters Webinar series, May 2021;
- Presenter at McCormick Dementia Services, Preparing for Dementia: Legal Perspectives web series, 2021;
- Panelist at Alzheimer Society of London & Middlesex Annual Conference for Health Professionals, End of Life Care panel, November 2019;
- Presenter at Quad County Support Services on Henson Trusts, October 2018;
- Presenter at Participation House on advanced care planning, March 2018;
- Presenter at the Parkinson's Society on advanced care planning, January 2018;
- Speaker at Straight from the Bench Conference, May 2014, "Meads v. Meads Update"