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Leanne is an associate in Siskinds' general litigation group, primarily practicing in all areas of estate and capacity litigation.

Education

Western University, B.A. (Hons)
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Called to the Bar in 2017

About

Leanne is an associate in Siskinds' general litigation group, who primarily practices in the areas of estate and capacity litigation. Leanne has significant experience in estate and capacity matters and routinely advises and represents clients in disputes concerning the validity and interpretation of Wills, disputes regarding the validity of power of attorney documents, claims seeking assistance from the Court regarding the proper administration of an estate, claims against trustees and attorneys for actions taken in the course of carrying out their duties and responsibilities, dependency support claims, guardianship applications for adults and minors, as well as passing of accounts applications (estate accounting). Leanne has further acted as an agent for the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee. Leanne was named on the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada™* list from 2024 to 2027, which recognizes Canadian lawyers who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence.

Leanne obtained her J.D. at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, in 2016. She summered and completed her articles at Siskinds, and was called to the bar in 2017. Prior to law school, Leanne obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology from Western University. She further obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Sociology, also from Western University, where she was a Teaching and Research Assistant. Leanne successfully defended her Master's Thesis, which examined human trafficking policy in Canada.

Leanne is a former competitive highland dancer, who competed across Canada, the United States, and Scotland. In her spare time, Leanne enjoys walking her dog, watching documentaries, and travelling.

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Publication and Speaking

- Speaker at the Ontario Bar Association's Program on Litigation Skills Part 1: Advocacy for Estate Litigators, April 2024, Topic: Estate Trustees During Litigation.
- Speaker at the Ontario Bar Association's Program on Representing Children in Civil Matters, November 2023, Panel on Professionalism and Ethical Issues.
- Speaker at the Middlesex Law Association's Straight from the Bench Conference, May 2019, "The Power of Equity", Case Commentary on *Moore v Sweet*, 2018 SCC 52.

Awards and Recognition

- Leanne Kuchynski has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers™: Ones to Watch in Canada* 2024 to 2027.

Memberships and Associations

- Middlesex Law Association, Member