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PRACTICE AREAS

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Estate Planning

Estate Administration

Estate Dispute Resolution

Guardianship & Trusteeship



When it comes to protecting my client's interests, there is no substitute for excellence

Since being called to the Alberta Bar in 2020, Gregory's practice has focused exclusively on Estate, Trust and Guardianship/Trusteeship matters. Greg enjoys helping resolve complex and challenging disputes involving mental incapacity and undue influence, executor misconduct, family maintenance and support claims, as well as litigation involving adult guardianship and trusteeship.

Gregory has successfully appeared before the Court of King's Bench of Alberta and the Court of Appeal of Alberta. While he enjoys making appearances in Court, his passion is helping clients strategize and navigate difficult situations without ever needing to attend Court.

Greg also enjoys assisting clients with resolving other administration issues including subsidiary matters such as real estate, tax planning as well as the administration of digital assets.

Gregory serves as an Officer on the National Executive Committee of the Canadian Bar Association, Wills, Estates and Trust Section. In addition to this role, he also appears regularly at speaking engagements relating to his practice area.

Gregory is recognized by **The Best Lawyers in Canada** as "One to Watch" for his work in Trusts & Estates. His work has been featured in The **Globe and Mail**, **Canadian Lawyer** as well as other publications.

Education

Admission



Experience

Reported Decisions

Wada Estate (Re), 2026 ABKB 309 - Successfully assisted administrators of an Estate in an application against Apple Canada Inc. who had denied them access to the Deceased's digital accounts and assets. This landmark decision resulted in a significant evolution in Estate Law and the Law of Digital Assets and has established that personal representatives have the right to access and administer digital assets, including digital accounts, of a deceased without further or additional direction from the Court. This decision also addresses the potential costs consequences of entitles who may attempt to deny a personal representative this type of access.

Eastveld Estate (Re), 2026 ABKB 318 - Representing the family of a Deceased, Gregory successfully aided in dismissing an application by a rogue executor attempting to shield himself from liability. This decision stands for the principle that no statute of limitations applies when an executor continues to refuse to properly account to beneficiaries of an Estate.

Mackasey Estate (Re), 2022 ABKB 662 - Assisted executors appointed in an invalid will to validate that will and a partially typed and partially handwritten codicil. This decision has become a leading authority regarding the principles of rectification and validation of non-compliant or invalid wills.

Slater Estate (Re), 2022 ABKB 859 - Assisted beneficiaries of an Estate where beneficiary designations of an investment account were in question. In this decision the Court considered several issues including beneficiary designations, construction of a hand-written will and the requirement for an Estate to be represented by a litigation guardian.

Gordon v Cote, 2023 ABCA 22 - Assisted an executor in successfully responding to an appeal of a decision made by a Justice in Chambers. In this decision the Alberta Court of Appeal confirmed the authority of a Justice to exclude an expert medical report in a formal proof of will matter.

Gordon Estate (Re), 2023 ABKB 132 - Assisted an executor appointed in will being challenged on the basis of capacity and undue influence. In this decision the Court clarified and confirmed the validity of the will appointing Gregory's client. This decision has become a leading authority with respect to dismissal of will challenges and has been upheld by the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Estate of Shirley Ann Dufour, 2024 ABKB 525 - Assisted beneficiaries in an executor misconduct and rectification application. In this decision the Court expanded the law of rectification. Furthermore, Gregory's clients were successful in removing an executor due to a conflict of interest.



Recognition

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to the Wills, Trusts and Estates module in *Practical Guidance Canada*, a publication by LexisNexis Canada Inc.

HONOURS & AWARDS

- Communications Officer**

Canadian Bar Association, Wills, Estates and Trust Section Executive

- Gregory is recognized by **The Best Lawyers in Canada** as "One to Watch" for his work in Trusts & Estates (2026-2027).

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- Featured in “**Alberta judge puts tech companies on notice over ‘redundant court orders’ on deceased’s digital assets**”, Globe and Mail (June 2026)
- Featured in “**Tech companies demanding redundant court orders from estate reps should pay the cost: judge**”, Canadian Lawyer (April 2026)
- Featured in “Counsel Comments”, Take Five - Alberta Edition (February 2023)
- Featured in “Neighbors of Mahogany” (December 2021 Edition)



Memberships

- **Law Society of Alberta**
- **Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South), Wills, Estates, and Trust Section**
- **Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South), Elder Law Section**
- **Society of Estates and Trusts Practitioners - Student Member (2022-present)**



Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

PRESENTATIONS

From Estate Planning to Estate Litigation: Part 2: Big picture estate litigation & looking to estate planning for insight

Eleanor Carlson, Carbert Waite LLP and Gregory Kaladeen, McLeod Law LLP, Presented by **Estate Planning Council of Canada** (January 23, 2025)

From Estate Planning to Estate Litigation: Part 1: Tips for proactive estate planning and administration, and mitigating litigation risk

Eleanor Carlson, Carbert Waite LLP and Gregory Kaladeen, McLeod Law LLP, Presented by **Estate Planning Council of Canada** (January 9, 2025)

Recent News, Events & Notable Work

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28 McLeod Law lawyers recognized in the 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers™ in Canada and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

