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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, Greg's practice has emphasized estate litigation involving executor misconduct, mental incapacity and undue influence issues as well as litigation involving adult guardianship and trusteeship issues.

Greg 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 in his practice area. In addition to his estate litigation practice, Greg enjoys assisting clients with estate planning and administration, including subsidiary matters such as real estate, tax planning, and corporate planning.

Greg is working toward his designation as a Trust and Estate Practitioner through the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), an international body for professional advisors in the trust and estate administration field.

During his time away from the office Greg enjoys reading, golf and spending time outdoors with his family. Greg supports the Salvation Army and other charities.

Education

2017 Bond University, JD

2014 Canadian Securities Course

Admission

2020 Alberta



Experience

Reported Decisions

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 handwritten 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

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- 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

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)
