



# Shayi Xu

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### PRACTICE AREAS

**Family Law**

**Child & Spousal Support**

**Cohabitation & Prenuptial Agreements**

**Division of Property**

**Mediation, Arbitration, Litigation**

**Parenting & Custody**



I vigorously advocate for my clients' goals while using creative and common-sense solutions.

Shayi has been practicing family law exclusively since 2009 and is experienced with litigation and all types of dispute resolution methods.

Shayi is committed to resolving high-conflict situations as effectively and efficiently as possible. She is Vice-Chair for The Advocates Society Family Law Practice Group Committee and also helps protect clients' interests through prenuptial, cohabitation, and post-nuptial agreements as hindsight is not a preventative remedy. Shayi is also a Mediator, with the goal of helping families reach a timely, cost effective, and amicable resolution.

Born in Shanghai and raised in St. John's, Newfoundland, Shayi lives with her husband and is a proud parent to four children (a daughter and three fur kids).

Shayi is recognized by **The Best Lawyers in Canada** for work in Family Law.



Education

Admission

2008 University of New Brunswick, LLB

2024 National Family Law Arbitration Course

2005 Memorial University of Newfoundland, BComm

2009 Alberta



## Experience

- Successfully represented clients for seeking years of retroactive child support and spousal support payable.
- Successful in various high-conflict cost applications and arbitrations, including getting indemnity and/or double costs.
- Successfully uncovered undisclosed assets and client successfully received compensation and costs for same.
- Assisting clients with compelling disclosure on a contested basis.
- Represented various clients successfully applying for restraining orders and defending against restraining claims.
- Successfully represented clients for parenting and mobility applications.
- **Peterson v. Sluchenski, 2025 ABKB 316, 2025**
- **MacDonald v. Brodoff, 2020 ABCA 246, 2020**
- **ESB v. SDB, 2017 ABQB 522, 2017**

### Other Languages

- Speaks conversational Mandarin Chinese



## Recognition

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Shayi is recognized by **The Best Lawyers in Canada** for work in Family Law (2025-2026).

### RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- **Alberta judge dismisses Calgary women's dog ownership appeal**



## Memberships

- **Law Society of Alberta**
- **Canadian Bar Association**
- **Calgary Bar Association**
- **Calgary AFCC**



## Community

- **The Advocate's Society, Family Law Group**
  - Vice-Chair for The Advocates Society Family Law Practice Group Committee (2023-present)

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## Recent News, Events & Notable Work

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