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Peter is National Co-Leader of BLG's Private Client Group.

Peter practises primarily in the areas of wills, trusts and estates law. He works with clients in planning, while providing ongoing administration and litigation advice to settlors, will-makers, executors, trustees and beneficiaries pertaining to all aspects of inter-vivos, Indigenous, off-shore and testamentary trusts, as well as financial institutions for risk management and compliance in these matters.

Peter has a TEP designation from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association Wills and Trusts Section and an executive member of the National Charity and Not-for-Profit Law Section.

Peter participates in the planning and presentation of numerous educational sessions to professionals and various groups and associations related to wills, trusts and estates as well as charitable and not-for-profit matters.

Insights & Events

- Speaker, "Tax Updates," STEP Year In Review, STEP Vancouver, May 2026

- Speaker, "Not Your Average Trust: Drafting Indigenous Trusts with Care," The Estates, Trusts and Pensions Journal Conference, Allard Hall, UBC, February 2026
- Co-Author, “First Nation Trusts", outlining the treatment and key characteristics of Indigenous Trusts in Canada, STEP Journal, June 2025
- Presenter, "The Power of Many: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Estate Planning," The Estate Planning Council of Vancouver, June 2025
- Co-author, “A question of Intent," on the Canadian experience of validating defective Wills, STEP Journal, Issue 4, 2023
- Annual Contributor, "Wills, Trusts and Estates (BC)", module of Practical Guidance Canada, Lexis Nexis
- Annual Contributor, CLEBC's Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation (British Columbia), 2023
- Presenter, "Estate Planning Tools and Techniques," CLE- Wealth Preservation and Succession for the Family Enterprise 2023, June 2023
- Presenter, "Real Property, Real Problems: Planning for Real Property,, STEP Vancouver, May 25, 2023.
- Presenter, "Choice of Law and Multiple Wills)," PBLI - International Issues in Tax and Estate Planning, May 2023
- Presenter, "Matters Beyond Wealth podcast relating to Digital Wills," RBC Royal Trust, January 2023
- Presenter, "Creating and Managing Indigenous Community Trusts," Indigenous Wealth Conference and Dealfest, Richmond (B.C.), December 2022.
- Speaker, "Current Cases of Note in Estate Litigation," Estate Planning Council of Vancouver, May 2022
- Presenter, "The New Corporate Registry Rules in Canada: Beneficial Ownership, Trusts and Transparency", STEP Canada, May 2021
- Presenter, "Estate Planning Tools and Techniques," CLE BC's "Wealth Preservation and Succession for the Family Enterprise 2021", May 2021
- Presenter, "Choice of Law and Multiple Wills,' PBLI - Cross-Border Estate Planning, April 16, 2021
- Presenter, Considerations when Advising Older and Vulnerable Clients - Looking Beyond the Securities Regulations, October 1, 2020
- Panelist, STEP Thought Leadership Series: "Remote Witnessing: will it persist once we no longer have to socially distance?", September 2020
- Presenter, "Choice of Law and Multiple Wills Issues", STEP Okanagan, KMPG LLP, February 2020
- Presenter, "Around the Jurisdictions – Update on Cases, Statutes and Trends in … Canada", STEP 2019 Special Interest Group Spotlight Sessions, London, UK, November 22, 2019.
- Co-author, "A Whole LOTA Compliance," in the STEP Journal, September, 2019.
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- Presenter, "Life Interest Trusts: Are They Worth the Trouble?," 2019 STEP Canada National Conference, Toronto, June 7, 2019.
- Presenter, "Choice of Law and Multiple Wills", Pacific Business & Law Institute's Cross-Border Estate Planning program, Vancouver, March 6, 2019.
- Presenter, “Non-Compliant Wills – When those scribbles on a napkin may actually be a Will”, Legal Education Society of Alberta’s Wills and EPAs – Commonly Occurring Issues program, Edmonton, January 23, 2019.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, CBA BC Wills and Trusts Section and Charity and Not-for-Profit Law Section
- Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- Member, Estate Planning Council of Vancouver

- Past Executive Member of Wills, Estates and Trusts Section of Canadian Bar Association and its testamentary trusts Finance submission subcommittee
- Member, ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Chair of Steering Committee for Cambridge Forums: Senior Practitioners Estate Planning & Litigation Forum
- Member, National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association

Community Involvement

- Past Chair, Board of Directors of Canuck Place Children's Hospice and its Executive Committee, as well as its Governance Committee
- Contributor, United Way of Vancouver
- Trustee, CLAS (Community Legal Assistance Society) Foundation

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2014) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Trusts and Estates).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2019) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Estates and Personal Tax Planning), in the 2019 to 2026 editions (Charities/Not-For-Profit Law) and since 2023 (Indigenous Law).

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2013
- Manitoba, 1992

- LLB, University of Manitoba, Robson Hall, 1991

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