



## Les Honywill

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Les has a broad disputes practice focused on arbitration and commercial litigation. Les' practice includes disputes relating to trusts, estates, securities, and fraud. In his disputes practice, Les has represented sports leagues and Olympic and national team athletes.

Les further provides a range of advisory and advocacy services throughout all levels of tax disputes, including at the audit, appeals, and litigation stages.

In Les' trust litigation practice, he provides ongoing administration and litigation advice to trustees and beneficiaries pertaining to all aspects of Indigenous and testamentary trusts, as well as to financial institutions for risk management.

## Experience

- Successfully represented the petition respondent in its application to set aside an *ex parte* order restraining the disposition of certain termination payments following a proxy contest in *Muddy Waters Capital LLC v Mayfair Gold Corp.*, [2024 BCSC 1233](#).
- Successfully assisting a client in their bid to gain a path to selection for the Paris 2024 Olympics. [McMurray v. Rowing Canada](#).
- Successfully represented the petitioner in a matter relating to a raw material purchase agreement relating to the purchase of medical cannabis *Fotmer v Tilray*, 2023 BCSC 1323

## Insights & Events

- Author, "When dense makes sense: BCSC cancels obsolete building scheme to clear way for townhouses", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "Canada's new trade landscape: Legal and compliance imperatives in Federal Budget 2025", BLG Article, November 2025
- Author, "Will the Supreme Court of Canada impose a duty to mitigate on commercial landlords?", BLG Article, July 2025
- Author, "Pharma, national security and tariffs: Where do we go from here?", BLG Article, June 2025
- Author, "Broken beyond repair: Court declines to grant relief from forfeiture due to tenant's poor conduct", BLG Article, February 2025
- Interviewed, "Wearable tech gives sports teams more info. What will they do with it?", Globe and Mail, January 2025
- Author, "Court of Appeal finds the British Columbia Securities Commission treated the appellants unfairly: No sheltering behind deference", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Examining the rules of the game by jurisdiction: Slide tackle injury decision upheld in B.C. Court of Appeal", BLG Article, February 2024
- Author, ["Gold Rush in the Final Frontier."](#) BarTalk, February 2024
- Author, "Bill C-45 Legislative updates provide enhanced support to First Nations Financial Management", BLG Article, October 2023
- Author, "Unsportsmanlike conduct: The different standards of care between athletes in Canada", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Hickory, dickory, dock, payment verification deadlines are running out the clock: COVID-19 benefits in Canada", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "Divorce and discretionary trusts: what can be divided between spouses? – Cottrell v Cottrell, 2022 BCSC 1607", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Testamentary powers of appointment and gifts Virtute Officii: Royal Trust Corporation of Canada v. The Welfare Institution of the Jews of Athens, 2022 BCSC 1454", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Does the 'presumption of resulting trust' apply to beneficiary designations?", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Filling in the tax gap: What to expect from CRA audits and investigations", BLG Article, September 2022
- Author, "Ownership of athlete biometric data in Canadian sports", BLG Article, September 2022

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Trial Lawyers Association of BC
- Member, The Advocate's Society

## Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2022
- JD, University of Ottawa, 2021
- MSc, Leiden University, 2012
- BA, Concordia University, 2011

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