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Danielle specializes in estates, trusts and capacity litigation and advisory work.

Danielle represents clients in highly complex issues, involving:

- succession problems and disputes involving private companies
- highly contentious matters involving fiduciaries, including breach of fiduciary duties, fraud and removal of trustees
- mental capacity issues, and substitute decision making (guardianship and powers of attorney), including disputes and advice regarding personal
- care and property issues
- the administration of complex trusts and estates, including court processes such as applications for advice and directions, interpretations and passing of accounts
- aging investors, joint assets, and gifts
- issues involving not-for-profit companies and charitable interests
- professional liability
- multi-jurisdictional issues

Danielle is a trusted advisor to a wide range of clients, including fiduciaries, beneficiaries, financial institutions, corporate trustees, private companies and non-profits/charities/foundations.

Danielle is well-versed in the practises of the Ontario Children’s Lawyer and the Public Guardian and Trustee.

Danielle resolves disputes in a practical and cost effective manner, using alternative dispute mechanisms (mediation) and appears regularly in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, as well as the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Insights & Events

- Speaker “The Family Business: Administration and Litigation of Trusts and Estates Holding Business Assets,” September 2015
- Speaker “Aging Investors” Series , BLG, ongoing

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Certified Specialist, Estates and Trusts Law, The Law Society of Ontario
- Past Chair of the Ontario Bar Association, Estates and Trusts Section
- Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 (and since 2015) edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Estate & Personal Tax Planning).
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2024 (and since 2009) edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Trusts and Estates).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1999
- LLB, Dalhousie University, 1998
- BA (Hons., journalism), Carleton University, 1994



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