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Industries & Expertise

EXPERTISE

Estates and Trusts Litigation | Private Client Services

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2004

EDUCATION

- Mediating of Disputes, Negotiation and leadership programs, Harvard Law School
- Executive Certificate in Conflict Management, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Toronto, 1993

Jane Martin is a powerhouse in estate planning, family business succession planning, and estate and capacity law mediation. She excels in helping high-net-worth families, entrepreneurs, and artists plan for the future. Jane's expertise in trust and estate planning, administration, and mediation is evident in her approach, which combines practicality and empathy for resolving disputes.

Jane's impressive educational background includes mediation, negotiation, and leadership programs from Harvard Law School. She also holds an Executive Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law. Her extensive list of presentations and publications demonstrates her depth of knowledge and commitment to sharing her expertise with others in the legal profession.

Jane is an active member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Toronto Estate Planning Council, showcasing her commitment to staying connected with her legal community. These affiliations not only highlight her professionalism but also underline her dedication to continuous learning and growth in her field.

Industry involvement

Thought leadership

- Co-presenter, The Annotated Will, Law Society of Upper Canada, 2017 2022
- "Joint Ownership and Family Transactions" Scary Professionalism Issues for the Real Estate Practitioner,
 Ontario Bar Association, October 2019
- Co-presenter, Conference "Eldercaring Co-ordination: Family Conflict Has No Borders", Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2019
- Co-author, "Diffusing the Conflict in Contentious Estate and Capacity Matters" Key Developments in Estates and Trusts Law in Ontario, 2017-2018 Edition (Toronto: Thomson Reuters, 2018).
- Conciliation and Arbitration Board ("CAB") Knowledge Symposium, "Mediating Elder Law Disputes, Challenges and Tips", AGA Khan Foundation, November 2018
- Co-presenter, "What can parenting co-ordination teach us about de-escalating intergenerational family conflict?", Law Society of Ontario Estates Summit, October 2018
- "Mediation Bootcamp: Preparing Clients for Mediation", Ontario Bar Association, September 2018
- Co-presenter, "An Intergenerational Model of Conflict Resolution for Families with Ageing Person",
 International Federation on Aging, August 2018
- Co-presenter, "Civility in Civil Litigation", Commons Institute, 2017
- Co-presenter, "Ethics in a Nutshell Program", Toronto Lawyers Association, 2017
- "A Litigation Miscellany: notable cases of 2015", Ontario Bar Association Annual Institute, 2016
- "Older Clients and Decisional Capacity", Law and the Older Adult Client, Ontario Bar Association, 2016
- Co-author, ""How Separation and Divorce Impact Wills and Beneficiary Designations", Ontario Bar Association, 2016
- Co-presenter, "Wills and Estates Fundamentals", practice skills workshop, Canadian Bar Association, 2015
- "Evidentiary issues in Estate Litigation", Estates Essentials, Toronto Lawyers Association, 2013
- "Dependants Support Claims: Orders for Directions and Interim Support Orders", The Dependant's Support Application: from Notice of Application to Trial, Ontario Bar Association

- "Update on Costs & the Rules of Civil Procedure", OBA Annual Institute, 2011
- "Orders for Directions, Making the best use of preliminary orders in Estate Litigation", Estates Litigation: A primer, Ontario Bar Association

Community roles

- Director at Large, Estate Planning Council of Toronto, 2023 present
- Ontario Bar Association Past Chair, Trusts & Estates Section Executive & Governing Council member at large; secretary Elder Law Section. Member of OBA governing council, National Council of Canadian Bar Association, 2000 – present
- Volunteer Knitter, KAS Project, 2007 present
- Mentor, Women's Law Association & Ontario Bar Association, 2021-2022
- Chair, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Association for Conflict Resolution and Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (U.S.), 2016-2019
- Wills Project Lead, Pro Bono Students of Canada, 2011-2019
- Member, Foundation Committee, Casey House, 2013-2017
- Member, End of Life Working Group, Joint CBA/OBA Initiative, 2015
- Member, Board of Directors, Eden Community Homes, 2007-2009
- Chair, Board of Directors & Programmes Committee, West Toronto Community Legal Services, 2000-2007

Memberships & affiliations

Canadian Bar Association, Toronto Estate Planning Council