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Biography

Ben chairs the firm's Wills and Estates Practice Group.

Ben listens carefully and offers straightforward advice. He advises clients on all forms of estate planning, having a particular interest in the use of trusts to preserve privacy and protect assets. He is also an experienced probate lawyer, with a knack for resolving difficult estate issues. In addition, he has considerable experience dealing with disputes involving wills, estates, trusts and powers of attorney.

Ben holds the Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) designation from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), the international body for professional advisors specializing in estate and succession planning. He is an active member of the local trust and estate planning community, sitting on the Executive of STEP Atlantic, as well as the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society's Professional Standards Committee for Wills, Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives. Ben also enjoys speaking to local community and professional groups on estate planning topics.

Experience

Ben's experience includes:

- Trusts (including family, alter ego and joint partner trusts)
- Estate and incapacity planning
- Domestic contracts and similar personal planning
- Estate, fiduciary and capacity litigation
- Various types of Probate Court applications

Associations and Memberships

- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- The Advocates' Society

Areas of Law

Estate Planning, Wills
and Trusts
Probate and Estate
Administration
Estate Litigation

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Community Involvement

- Director, Health Services Foundation of the South Shore
- Past Executive Member, Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy
- Past Executive Member, Autism Nova Scotia (South Shore Chapter)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Ben has been a guest speaker for groups such as South Shore Palliative Care, the VON, the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners' Association, the Lunenburg-Queens Volunteer Partnership, the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union, the Acadia Small Business and Entrepreneurship Centre, and Autism Nova Scotia. He enjoys these engagements and welcomes new opportunities to present on topics in the areas of estate planning, incapacity planning, and elder abuse.

Education and Bar Admissions

- Bar Admission: Nova Scotia, 2013
- B.C.L./LL.B., McGill University (2012)
- B.A., Dalhousie University (2008)