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## PRACTICE AREAS

Wills, Trusts & Estates  
Estate Planning  
Estate Administration  
Estate Dispute Resolution  
Trust Planning  
Guardianship & Trusteeship  
Business Law

The team's knowledge and experience help us deliver efficient, effective advice to our clients.

Aaron has a diverse practice with a focus on Wills, Trusts, and Estates. He has extensive experience in estate planning, administration, and dispute resolution. His practice experience includes business law and real estate law. He is a certified mediator and is taking engagements to act as mediator for Estate Disputes and Guardianship & Trusteeship Disputes.

Aaron is a recognized thought leader in the application of The Surrogate Rules and complicated court applications, which helps him generate positive, timely results for his clients. He shares his knowledge with colleagues and the public through teaching and speaking roles.

Clients have highly recommended Aaron, giving him a top rating on [Martindale-Hubbell.com](https://www.martindale-hubbell.com). He is also included in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* for Trusts and Estates.



## Education

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**2018** Executive Certificate in Conflict Management, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

**2017** Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

**2003** University of Manitoba, LLB

**1998** University of Calgary, BA

## Admissions

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**2004** Alberta

## Experience

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Aaron has been a partner at McLeod Law since 2013. Clients rely on him to help them navigate complex and stressful life-cycle issues. The diversity of his experience helps him understand his clients' needs and give complete advice and comprehensive solutions.

- Represents clients at the Alberta Court of King's Bench for various estate, Represented Adult, and civil litigation matters.
- Preparation of wills, enduring powers of attorney, and personal directives.
- Preparation of all documentation required for the administration and probate of estates.
- Preparation of all documentation required in Represented Adult matters.
- Preparation of documentation required in corporate transactions.
- Advising and drafting Trusts and advising Trustees on Trust Administration

## Recognition

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### HONOURS & AWARDS

- Aaron is recognized by *The Best Lawyers* in Canada for work in Trusts and Estates (2022-2024).
- Aaron comes highly recommended by clients, giving him a 5 out of 5 ("Gold" rating) by *Martindale-Hubbell*.
- University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law
  - Frank Billinkoff Prize for top standing in wills and succession
  - Jane Evans QC Prize for demonstrated excellence in property, trusts, and wills and succession

### PUBLICATIONS

- "The importance of succession planning," *The Constructor*, Calgary Construction Association, March 2019

## Memberships

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- Law Society of Alberta
- Calgary Bar Association  
President
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners  
Trust and Estate Planner (TEP) designation, (2016-Present)

## Community

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- Alberta Surrogate Rules Advisory Committee
- STEP Canada  
STEP Inside Editorial Board, 2021-present
- Jewish National Fund of Canada  
Board Member, Calgary Board of Directors, 2012-2019  
President, Calgary Board of Directors, 2013-2016  
Board Member, National Board of Directors, 2014-2017
- Pro Bono Law Alberta, King's Bench Amicus Court Assistance Program  
Volunteer
- Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South)  
Provincial Council (former)  
Alberta Law Conference Committee, 2012, 2014, 2016  
Law Day Calgary Committee co-chair, 2009, 2010, 2012  
Law Day Calgary Volunteer, 2008-2015
- Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South) Wills & Trusts Section  
Former Co-Chair and Executive Member  
*Wills and Succession Act* Committee co-chair
- Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South), Residential Real Estate Section  
Former Chair and Executive Member
- Legal Archives Society of Alberta  
Board of Directors, 2015-Present
- Calgary Surrogate Court Roundtable  
Participant in surrogate process review, 2017-2020
- Alberta Justice, Wills and Estates  
"Technical Discussions" with specialists regarding the proposed amendments to the *Matrimonial Property Act* contained within the *Wills and Succession Act*, May 2012
- Consultation with the Office of the Public Trustee for the Province of Alberta  
On a committee including the Public Trustee for the Province of Alberta and senior wills and estates practitioners regarding the implementation of the *Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act* and regulations, May 2009

## Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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### SPEAKER

#### ESTATE PLANNING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Hazak group, June 2020*

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### SPEAKER

#### "HONING THE SOLICITORS' SPIDEY SENSE" - RED FLAGS IN DRAFTING WILLS RELATED TO FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT APPLICATIONS

*Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA), November 2019 (Calgary), November 2019 (Edmonton)*

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### SPEAKER

#### SOLICITOR POTPOURRI: ESTATE PLANNING PRACTICE TIPS

*Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South), Wills and Trusts Section, April 2019*

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### SPEAKER

#### ADVANCED ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

*Legal Education Society of Alberta, May 2018, November 2018, 2016 (Note taker)*

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### SPEAKER

#### WILLS AND ESTATES PRACTICE FUNDAMENTALS

*Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education, October 2014, November 2016, November 2017, March 2018*

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### SPEAKER

#### WILLS AND ESTATES CASE UPDATE

*Society of Trust and Estates Practitioners, Calgary Chapter, January 2018*

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### SPEAKER

#### "LIMITED GRANTS - WHAT'S THE RUSH?"

*Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South), Residential Real Property Section, November 2017*

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### SPEAKER

#### ESTATE PLANNING

*Friends of Fish Creek, October 2017*

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## SPEAKER

### PLANNING FOR INCAPACITY

*Retired Teachers Association of Alberta, April 2017*

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## SPEAKER

### OBLIGATIONS OF AN EXECUTOR/TRUSTEE/ATTORNEY TO PROPERLY ACCOUNT: BEYOND THE BASICS & TALES FROM THE TRENCHES

*Society of Trust and Estates Practitioners, Calgary Chapter, October 2016*

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## SPEAKER

### PERSONAL PLANNING

*University of Alberta, October 2016*

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## SPEAKER

### WILLS 101

*Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Hazak group, October 2016*

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## CHAIR

### WILLS AND ESTATES FOR LEGAL SUPPORT STAFF

*Legal Education Society of Alberta, September and October 2012*

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## SPEAKER

### REAL ESTATE BOOT CAMP

*Legal Education Society of Alberta, November and December 2009*

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## TEACHING ROLES

## DEVELOPED COURSE MATERIAL

### ALBERTA WILLS AND ESTATES PRACTICE MANUAL

*Legal Education Society of Alberta, July 2023*

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### ALBERTA WILLS AND ESTATES PRACTICE MANUAL

*Legal Education Society of Alberta, April 2019*

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## DEVELOPED COURSE MATERIAL

### ALBERTA ESTATE ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

*Legal Education Society of Alberta, 2015-2016*

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## EDITOR

### TABLES OF NATIONAL CONCORDANCE, ALBERTA MATERIAL

Canadian Bar Association Wills and Trusts Section, 2011-2012

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## DEVELOPED COURSE MATERIAL

### REMEDIES FROM THE 2007 ALBERTA RESIDENTIAL CONVEYANCING MANUAL

Legal Education Society of Alberta, October 2011