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PRACTICE AREAS

Wills, Trusts & Estates
Estate Administration
Estate Dispute Resolution

I ask for honesty from clients. In return, they get tireless, passionate pursuit of their goals.

Layne Thiessen provides estate litigation legal advice and representation to clients throughout Alberta. He also assists clients who live outside of Alberta, and even, Canada who are dealing with wills and estate assets in Alberta. He has represented clients from countries including the United States, Mexico, France, and Germany, to name a few.

For 10 years Layne has helped clients resolve their disputes, often involving mediation or litigation, where he has represented clients at all levels of court in Alberta.

Layne has successfully dealt with the following estate dispute resolution matters in his practice:

- Will and Trust Interpretation
- Will Challenges
- Applications for Advice and Direction regarding Probate Matters and Estate Administration
- Removal and Replacement of Personal Representatives and

Trustees

- Compensation for Personal Representatives and Trustees
- Testamentary Capacity and Undue Influence regarding Inter Vivos Gifts
- Joint Account Litigation
- Dependant Support and Relief Claims and Family Maintenance and Support Claims
- Power of Attorney and Trust Litigation
- Contested Passing of Accounts

Layne is vocal in his field of expertise, giving talks to those in financial and wealth management roles, accountants, and other lawyers. He has presented to the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education Society of Alberta and to accounting, tax and financial advisory firms and organizations.

Education

2009 University of Manitoba, JD

2006 Brandon University, BA (Honours)

2001 Robertson Broadcasting Academy, Radio & Television Broadcasting Diploma (Honours)

Admissions

2010 Alberta

Experience

- Duhn Estate, 2022 ABCA 360
- Duhn Estate, 2021 ABQB 35
- Starratt v. Mamdani, 2017 ABCA 92
- Toyota Tsusho Wheatland Inc v. Encana Corporation, 2016 ABQB 209
- Bohn v. PG&E Corporation, 2013 ABQB 77
- 1164637 Alberta Ltd. v. Terrapin Mortgage Investment Corp., 2012 ABCA 334
- Nexstep Resources Ltd. v. Talisman Energy Inc., 2012 ABQB 708
- Strategic Financial Corp. v. 1402801 Alberta Ltd., 2012 ABQB 292

Recognition

- Attendee of the exclusive Senior Estates & Trusts Practitioners Forum by Cambridge Forums, October 2020

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- “Bill 34: *Building New Petroleum Markets Act* - Passes First Reading at the Alberta Legislature,” BLG Oil & Gas Alert, November 2013
- Cited by Julius Melnitzer in the National Post, “Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission Gets Broad New Powers,” November 18, 2013

Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association Southern Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association National Wills & Trusts Section
- Calgary Bar Association

Community

- Alberta Court of Queen's Bench
Volunteer, Amicus Project
- Provincial Court of Alberta
Volunteer, Civil Claims Duty Counsel program

Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

PRESENTER

HOW TO AVOID LITIGATION RESULTING FROM TRAIN WRECK ESTATES

McLeod Law LLP Wills, Trusts & Estates Update, March 2019

PRESENTER

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY (TO INTERPRET THE WILL) CONTENTIOUS MATTERS IN WILLS AND ESTATES

Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA) , November 2018 (Edmonton), November 2018 (Calgary)

PRESENTER

RECENT REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST TO ENERGY LAWYERS

Canadian Energy Law Foundation 52nd Annual Jasper Research Seminar, June 2013 (Jasper)