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Roger Lee is a member of the firm's litigation department, with an extensive estate litigation practice. He also has significant experience with general commercial litigation, including forestry and construction disputes, land related issues (including leasing), and fraud related recovery work.

Since his call to the bar, Roger has developed an extensive practice in trust and estate litigation. He assists individuals and charities with respect to their rights under the wills variation provisions of the *Wills, Estates and Succession Act*, as well as issues relating to the validity of testamentary instruments. He also advises corporate and individual trustees, as well as personal representatives, of their legal obligations and duties on a regular basis, and also acts for beneficiaries who question the actions of the trustees of their particular trusts.

Roger also deals with construction disputes on a regular basis, acting for owners, insurers, and contractors in claims relating to builders liens, design negligence, general construction defects and deficiencies, and their remediation.

He has advised and assisted various clients – both licencees and contractors – with respect to forestry issues, particularly related to rate disputes.

In addition to the above, Roger has assisted clients on a broad range of other commercial litigation, including commercial fraud and recovery of assets, mortgage fraud, lease disputes (including rental arbitrations), and other land related disputes.

Roger has appeared as counsel before all levels of provincial courts, including the provincial family, small claims and criminal courts, the British Columbia Supreme Court, the British Columbia Court of Appeal, and the Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan.

He has also appeared as counsel before commercial arbitrators and mediators and administrative tribunals, including the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the residential tenancy board.

Roger is a frequent speaker on topics associated with estate litigation. He has given numerous lectures on the area to other legal practitioners as well as to other groups, such as the Estate Planning Council of Vancouver, the B.C. Continuing Legal Education Society and the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. He was one of the committee members for the B.C. Law Institute's projects on the law relating to mental capacity and on the reform of the Supreme Court Rules related to probate matters.

RELATED SERVICES

- Charities and Not-for-Profit
- Wills, Estates and Trusts
- Restructuring
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Personal Injury
- Transportation

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Roger has been listed in the The Best Lawyers in Canada directory under Trusts and Estates (Litigation) since 2006, and is recognized by Lexpert® and Benchmark Canada as a leading practitioner in the field of estate and trust litigation.

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CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- British Columbia, 1994

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Trusts and Estates), 2006-2020
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Estate & Personal Tax Planning - Estate Litigation), 2010-2019
- Friend of CAGP Award, 2015
- Litigation Star, *Benchmark Canada* (Estate and Family), 2014-2019

Education

- LL.B., Dalhousie University, 1993
- B.A., University of British Columbia, 1990

Memberships

- Past Chair, National Board of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners
- Past Chair, British Columbia Wills & Trusts Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Association of Gift Planners

NEWS

DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

Best Lawyers in Canada 2019 recognizes 72 DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Lawyers

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have once more increased its rankings in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers*, with close to one-third of the firm's lawyers recommended as leading practitioners in Canada across key practice areas.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has strongest showing to date in 2018 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

2 MAY 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that forty-three of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2018 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. The firm was also featured as a leader in eleven different practice areas.
