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Roger Lee is a member of the firm's litigation department, with a broad 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*, estate administration issues, as well as issues relating to the validity of wills and other testamentary instruments. He also advises corporate and individual trustees, as well as personal representatives, of their legal obligations and duties, and also acts for beneficiaries who question the actions of the executor or 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. He has also served as the independent supervising solicitor for numerous Anton Piller injunctions

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.

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 a committee member 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.

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.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Trusts and Estates

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- British Columbia, 1994

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Trusts and Estates), 2006-2022
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert[®] Directory* (Estate & Personal Tax Planning - Estate Litigation), 2010-2021
- Friend of CAGP Award, 2015
- Litigation Star, *Benchmark Canada* (Estate and Family), 2014-2020

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