AUBRIE GIROU*

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BIOGRAPHY

Aubrie Girou is a Partner at the firm, Leader of our Estate Litigation Group, and a member of our Wills, Estates + Trusts Practice Group.

Aubrie practices exclusively in the area of wills, estates + trusts, and incapacity and maintains both a solicitor's and litigation practice. She assists clients with all aspects of contentious disputes – simple and complex – that can arise on death or incapacity including wills variation, unjust enrichment, constructive or resulting trusts, breach of fiduciary duties, committeeship applications, and accountings. She has represented clients before all levels of court in British Columbia. Aubrie also works strategically with clients to help put in place effective wealth preservation plans for each client's unique circumstances with an aim to avoid post-mortem conflicts.

Aubrie is a frequent presenter and a regular contributor to leading industry publications.

At Alexander Holburn, Aubrie is a member of the Women's Forum, a group dedicated to promoting business development and networking opportunities among our female lawyers, support staff and clients.

Aubrie summered and completed articles with the firm before joining the Wills, Estates and Trusts practice group. Prior to her articles, Aubrie completed a clerkship with the British Columbia Supreme Court.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Away from the office, Aubrie enjoys cooking, writing, and going on

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EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2015 Judicial Law Clerk, British Columbia Supreme Court
- 2014 J.D. University of British Columbia
- 2010 B.A. University of British Columbia

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2016 Admitted to the British Columbia Bar

PRACTICE AREAS

BUSINESS

- Succession Planning

PERSONAL

- Wills, Estates + Trusts
- Estate Litigation

adventures with her husband and two children.

RECOGNITION

- 2027 Best Lawyers® in Canada (Trusts and Estates)
- 2025 - 2026 Best Lawyers® in Canada: Ones to Watch (Trusts and Estates)
- 2024-2026 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory repeatedly recommended in the area of Estate Litigation - Estate & Personal Planning
- 2026 Leading Trusts, Estates & Probate Litigation Lawyers – British Columbia: Preeminent Category
- 2026 Leading Wealth, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyers – British Columbia: Recommended

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Aubrie has represented clients before all levels of Court in British Columbia. She also has extensive experience resolving matters through formal and informal mediation processes.

Recent representative decisions include:

- ***Phagura v Frenette***, 2026 BCSC 912
- ***Re: The Jack Leshgold Family (2009) Trust***, 2026 BCSC 388
- ***Vines v. Wilcock***, 2025 BCCA 393
- ***Underhill Estate (Re)***, 2025 BCSC 1722
- ***Lam v. Law et al.***, 2024 BCSC 1561
- ***Chung v. Chung***, 2024 BCSC 863
- ***Binng v. Gill***, 2022 BCSC 1479
- ***Unger Estate (Re)***, 2022 BCSC 189
- ***Syukur v. Yeh***, 2018 BCSC 1826
- ***Re Quinn Estate***, 2018 BCSC 365
- ***Devore-Thompson v. Poulain***, 2017 BCSC 1289

PUBLICATIONS

- April 9, 2026, “Wills Variation: Unequal Division for Children”, CLE BC *Estate Planning Express Topics 2026,* Speaker
- November 4-5, 2025, “Overview of Estate Planning”, *CLE BC Basics of Wills & Estate Planning 2025* – Author, Speaker & Co-Chair
- June 18, 2025, “Estate Planning 101”, *UBC Development and Alumni Engagement*, Presenter
- May 5, 2025, “Leveraging Experts in Wills & Estates Litigation: Capacity and Beyond!”, *Cambridge Forum for Estates Practitioners – Third Generation,* Speaker and Facilitator
- January 29, 2025, “Proof in Solemn Form”, *Pacific Business and Law Institute*, Speaker and Co-Chair
- October 18, 2024, “Breach of Trust Proceedings”, CLE BC Estate Litigation Update 2024, Author & Speaker
- September 25, 2024, “Everything you ever wanted to know about passing of accounts, but were afraid to ask!” Canadian Association of Gift Planners – Vancouver Chapter, Presenter
- May 30, 2024, “Incapacity Planning for Blended Families”, CLE BC Estate Planning for Blended Families, Author & Speaker
- March 7, 2024, “Section 132 of the Wills, Estates and Succession Act”, CBA BC Wills and Trusts Vancouver subsection, Speaker
- 2023 – ongoing, “Conflict of Laws in Estate Disputes”, *Estate Disputes in British Columbia: A Litigator’s Guide*, *CLEBC,* Contributor
- 2023 – ongoing, *CLEBC Probate & Estate Administration Practice Manual*, Editorial Board
- November 20, 2023, “Committeeship in B.C.: The plan for when there is no plan”, *Law 360 (LexisNexis Canada Inc.)*, Author
- January 2023, “*Trustee Act,* Section 86: Little Matters of Discretion, Momentous Decisions, and the Slayer Rule”, *Pacific Business and Law Institute*, Speaker and Co- Chair
- March 2022, “B.C. Bill-21 and Electronic Wills: Progressive or Problematic?” *Estates Trusts & Pensions Journal, Vol. 42: No. 2, Co-Author*
- 2020 – ongoing, “Applications in the Course of Estate Administration”, CLEBC Probate & Estate Administration Practice Manual, Contributor
- December 2019, “*Gully v. Gully*: A Cautionary Tale”, *Estates Trusts &*

Pensions Journal, Vol. 39:1, Author

- August 2018, "Where There's a Will, There's a Way", *BC Business*, Co-author
- 2018 – 2022, "Multi-jurisdictional Wills", *CLEBC Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation*, Contributor
- 2017 – ongoing, "Power of Attorney Act", *CLEBC Annotated Estates Practice*, Contributor
- 2017 – ongoing, "Supreme Court Civil Rules 25-1 to 25-16 and Related Forms", *CLEBC Annotated Estates Practice*, Contributor
- October 2017, "He Was 'Just There': Predatory Marriage Declared Void in BC Due to Incapacity", *LexisNexis Canadian Family Law Matters*, Author
- June 2017, "Broken Heart, Lost Trust: Trust Planning that Fails to Account for Family Realities", *LexisNexis Canadian Family Law Matters*, Author
- January 2017, "The Zombie Effect: Can Inter Vivos Estate Planning Tools Survive Death?", *Pacific Business Law Institute*, Co-author

EVENTS

- 09/04/2026, CLEBC: Estate Planning Express 2026 – 25 Minute Topics
- 04/11/2025, CLEBC: Basics of Wills & Estate Planning 2025
- 25/10/2025, Canadian Bar Association BC: Wills, Estates & Trusts 2025 Conference
- 18/06/2025, UBC: Estate Planning 101
- 29/01/2025, Pacific Business & Law Institute: Estate Administration 2025
- 18/10/2024, Wills, Estates and Trusts Conference 2024: Refine your estate litigation skills and knowledge
- 25/09/2024, Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Passing of Accounts But Were Afraid to Ask!

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, Member
- Vancouver Bar Association, Member

- Estate Planning Council of Vancouver, Member
- Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia, Wills Clinic, Volunteer
- Canadian Association of Gift Planners – Greater Vancouver Chapter, Professional Development Committee Member