JENNIFER ESHLEMAN

ASSOCIATE

BIOGRAPHY

Jen is an Associate at the firm and a member of our Wills, Estates + Trusts Practice Group.

Jen's practice focuses on the area of wills, estates and trusts. She enjoys assisting individuals in their unique estate and succession planning needs, advising on wills, trusts, incapacity planning and other tools to effectively provide for beneficiaries and minimize post-mortem conflicts. Furthermore, Jen helps guide executors and administrators in navigating probate and estate administration matters.

Jen also enjoys building relationships with clients as they incorporate their businesses and supports them through their businesses' life cycles.

Jen has received her designation as a recognized member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) for which she regularly contributes publications. She is a past chair of STEP Okanagan and is an active member of the Canadian Bar Association. She also has experience teaching wills, estates and trusts courses for the Okanagan College's Continuing Education Program.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Jen is based in Kelowna, British Columbia. In her spare time, she enjoys practicing yoga, attempting new recipes, and exploring the Okanagan with her husband and bernedoodle.

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EDUCATION

- Trust and Estate Practitioner Designation (TEP) The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- 2016 J.D. University of Victoria
- 2012 B.A.H. Queen's University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2017 Admitted to British Columbia Bar

PRACTICE AREAS

BUSINESS

- Corporate / Commercial
- Succession Planning

PERSONAL

- Wills, Estates + Trusts

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Estates:

- General estate planning advice regarding wills, power of attorney instruments, representation agreements, advance directives, and trusts
- Estate administration including probate and other administration applications
- Incapacity planning

Corporate/Commercial:

- Advises small businesses
- Incorporation, preparation of shareholder's agreements, and setting up your business
- Advises on the purchase and sale of businesses

Real Estate:

- Residential conveyancing and financing

PUBLICATIONS

- May 2026 "Documenting Potentially Compromised Capacity: A Heavy Burden" STEP Inside Volume 25, Issue 2, *Author*
- October/November 2025 "Limitations on Planning After Loss of Capacity" STEP Inside Volume 24, Issue 3, *Author*
- May 2025 "Constraints On Committees' Powers: Markland Estate v. Benz" STEP Inside Volume 24, Issue 2, *Author*
- January 2025, "Preferential Treatment Based on Gender: Lam v. Law Estate" STEP Inside Volume 24, Issue 1, *Author*
- February 12, 2026, "Key Issues and Common Pitfalls to Avoid – Beneficiary Designations" PBLI, *Presenter*
- February 11, 2025, "Dealing with a "Simple" Asset: Registered Plans" Kelowna Estate Planning Society, *Presenter*
- November 21, 2024, "Dealing with a "Simple" Asset: Registered Plans" STEP Canada Vancouver Branch, *Co-Presenter*
- October 2024, "Admissibility of Hearsay Evidence: Manhas V. Manhas" STEP Inside Volume 23, Issue 3, *Co-Author*

- May 2024, "The Perils of Perfecting a Will: The Lessons of the Dickson-Starkey Estate" STEP Inside Volume 23, Issue 2, *Co-Author*
- January 2024, "Appropriate Exercise of Discretion or Failure to Act: Zaleschuck (re)" STEP Inside | Volume 23, Issue 1, *Co-Author*
- October 2023, "Beneficiary Designations: A Dive into Uncertain Waters" STEP Inside | Volume 22, Issue 3, *Co-Author*
- October 2023, "The Uncertainty of Discretionary Trusts: Cottrell v. Cottrell" STEP Inside | Volume 22, Issue 3, *Co-Author*
- June 20, 2023 "Beneficiary Designations: A Deeper Dive" STEP Canada 25th National Conference, *Co-Presenter*
- May 2023, "The British Columbia Perspective: Legal Capacity to Make A Will" STEP Inside | Volume 22, Issue 2, *Co-Author*
- January 2023, "Case Comment: Weaver Estate v. Weaver" STEP Inside | Volume 22, Issue 1, *Co-Author*
- November 2022, "Rectification Under BC's WESA: Considering the Will-Maker's Intention" STEP Inside | Volume 21, Issue 3, *Co-Author*
- May 2022, "Electronic Signatures and Wills in Electronic Form: the Future of Estate Planning (and Litigation) has Arrived in British Columbia", STEP Inside | Volume 21, Issue 2, *Co-Author*
- January 2022, "Revisiting Unjust Enrichment And Beneficiary Designations: Knowles V. Leblanc", *STEP Canada, Co-Author*
- September 16, 2021, "Select Issues in Life Insurance and Other Beneficiary Designations and Estate Planning" *Doctors of BC, Co-Presenter*
- May 11, 2021, Transparency Trends: Impacts on Planning", *Victoria Estate Planning Counsel, Co-Presenter*
- November 5, 2020, "Estate Planning Update 2020: Transparency Trends" *CLEBC, Co-Author*
- October 20, 2020, "Getting to Know Your Alter-Ego: Alter Ego and Joint Partner Trusts", *Nicola Wealth, Co-Presenter*
- March 11, 2020, Response of STEP Canada to BC Consultation on a Public Beneficial Ownership Registry" *STEP Canada, Co-Author*
- February 11, 2020, "Estate Planning for Blended Families with Less Than $1 Million", *Kelowna Estate Planning Society Panelist*
- November 15, 2018, "Estate Planning Update 2018: "Real Property Real Problems" *CLEBC, Contributor*

EVENTS

- 21/02/2025, Kelowna Estate Planning Society – Dealing with a “Simple” Asset: Registered Plans

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Okanagan Chapter, Past Chair
- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Wills & Trusts Okanagan Section, Past Executive Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Young Lawyers Okanagan Section, Past Executive Member
- Kelowna Estate Planning Society, Member
- Kelowna Bar Association, Member