



Amanda Bettencourt, BA (Hons), JD

PRACTICE

Amanda is an associate litigation lawyer in the law firm of WEL Partners. Amanda practices exclusively in the following areas:

- Will, Estate, Trust Disputes
- Advising Fiduciaries
- Dependant Support Claims
- Passing of Estate, Trustee, Attorney, Guardian & Fiduciary Accounts
- Capacity Proceedings
- Guardianships
- Power of Attorney Disputes
- Consent and Capacity Board
- End-of-Life and Treatment Decisions
- Medical Assistance in Dying
- Elder Law
- Elder Financial Abuse
- Solicitor's Negligence
- Representation of Persons Under Disability
- Probate Applications
- Opinions
- Agency Services
- Approval Motions Under Rule 7

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining WEL Partners, Amanda articulated at the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee, where she gained experience in estates, family law, and civil litigation. She successfully represented clients in court proceedings and before various administrative tribunals.

Amanda obtained her J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School. She built a dedication for advocacy throughout her studies, particularly with respect to vulnerable members of the community. In her second year of law school, Amanda was awarded a health law internship, which enabled her to work as a Summer Student at the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly. In this role, Amanda represented Ontario's seniors in cases of elder abuse and prepared policy opinions and public legal education materials. She also worked at Parkdale Community Legal Services in the Workers' Rights Division, where she assisted workers faced with precarious work conditions in overcoming their employment barriers.

Amanda understands that helping her clients involves not only dealing with their legal issues, but also addressing the personal stressors that may act as roadblocks to arriving at solutions.



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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Upper Canada

Ontario Bar Association (OBA)

Canadian Bar Association

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

WEL Partners / Whaley Estate Litigation: Associate, January 2017 - Present. Wills, estates, trust, fiduciary and capacity-related litigation.

Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee: Student-at-Law, July 2015 – June 2016. Estates, guardianship, capacity law, civil litigation, family law, mental health law, charity law.

Advocacy Centre for the Elderly: Summer Student/Intern, May 2014 – August 2014. Elder law, estates, health law.

Parkdale Community Legal Services: Caseworker, January 2014 – April 2014. Employment law, poverty law.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Barrister and Solicitor, The Law Society of Upper Canada: June 2016

Juris Doctor (JD), Osgoode Hall Law School: June 2015

Bachelor of Arts (Hons), English and Professional Writing and Communication, University of Toronto, Mississauga: June 2012.