



Kate Stephens, BA (Hons), JD

PRACTICE

Kate is a Student-at-Law at WEL Partners. She works 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

Kate is a Student-at-Law at WEL Partners.

Kate graduated from Queen's University with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) with a major in Political Studies and a minor in History, going on to complete her JD at the University of Windsor. During law school, Kate volunteered as a Case Worker at the Legal Assistance of Windsor legal clinic, and worked as a student volunteer with Pro Bono Students Canada and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund. Kate was an active member of several clubs, including the Women and the Law Club, which in 2017 raised over \$10,000 for the Sexual Assault Crisis Centre of Windsor. Finally, Kate was a Peer Mentor for the Bystander Initiative, a program aimed at decreasing incidences of sexual assault in campus. Kate is also an MBA candidate at the University of Windsor.

Prior to joining WEL Partners as a Law Summer Student in 2016, Kate summered at various Toronto law firms as an undergraduate and law student, gaining experience in various types of civil litigation as well as marketing, process improvement, and event planning.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Upper Canada (Candidate, 2018)



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LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

WEL Partners, Student-at-Law – Estate, Trust, Fiduciary, Power of Attorney, Litigation and Mediation [Jul. 2017 – ongoing].

WEL Partners, Summer Law Student – Estate, Trust, Fiduciary, Power of Attorney, Litigation and Mediation [May – Aug. 2016].

Goddard Gamage Stephens LLP, Summer Law Student – Estate Administration, Legal Marketing [May – Aug. 2015].

Devry Smith Frank LLP, Summer Student – Lawyers & Mediators: Personal Injury, Employment, Commercial Litigation, Collections [May – Aug., 2010 – 2013].

PUBLICATIONS

Discrimination by Fiduciary Protection: Continuing Federal Paternalism in Aboriginal Succession and Inheritance Law (2016), 46 Adv. Q. 1 (Co-Author).

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Juris Doctor, University of Windsor [2017]

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Political Studies, Queen's University [2012]