



Andrea McEwan, LLB, MA

PRACTICE

Andrea is a Partner at WEL Partners. Andrea 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 practicing at WEL Partners, Andrea practiced commercial litigation with a litigation and insolvency boutique in Toronto. Andrea also practiced criminal defence law. She has appeared at all levels of court in Ontario as well as before the Consent and Capacity Board.

Andrea obtained her LLB from the University of Western Ontario where she graduated on the Dean's Honour List. She obtained her Masters degree in psychology from the University of Alberta. In the course of her Masters, Andrea worked in the psychology department at a hospital where she helped organize support groups for persons living with cancer, including those dealing with end of life issues.

Andrea has spoken on topics relating to the legal profession and industry at continuing professional development programs and at mentoring programs for articling, law and undergraduate students.

Andrea is currently the Civilian Co-chair with Kimberly Whaley of the Seniors Consultative Committee to the Chief of the Toronto police.



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Andrea has a strong volunteer record in respect of social justice issues. She has served on not-for-profit boards and volunteered for several social justice organizations, including as the co-chair of the Education and Outreach Committee for the Young Professional Council, CANFAR from 2011-2013. She interned at the World Health Organization where she reviewed and commented on draft mental health legislation and policy for several developing countries. Andrea is an active volunteer with Pro Bono Law Ontario, volunteering in the Law Help Ontario office and as duty counsel in Civil Practice Court. She was a council member for the Toronto Region for the Ontario Bar Association from 2012-2014.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Upper Canada

The Advocates' Society

Ontario Bar Association (OBA)

The Law Society of Upper Canada

Canadian Bar Association

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

WEL Partners: Partner, January 2018 - Present. Wills, estates, trust, fiduciary and capacity-related litigation.

WEL Partners: Associate, July 2016 – December 2017. Wills, estates, trust, fiduciary and capacity-related litigation.

Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP: Associate, September 2011 – June 2016. Commercial and insolvency litigation.

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP: Associate, January 2010 – August 2011. Commercial litigation.

Di Luca Barristers: Associate, October 2007 – December 2009. Criminal Law.

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP: Summer Student and Student-at-Law, May 2005 – May 2007. Commercial litigation.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Barrister and Solicitor, The Law Society of Upper Canada: June 2007



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Master of Arts, University of Alberta: August 2002

Bachelor of Science (Hons), Biology and Psychology, University of Wales, Swansea: June 1998

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, J.D. [2011]

York University, M.A. Psychology [2007]

University of Western Ontario, Hons. B.A. Psychology [2004]

PUBLICATIONS | PRESENTATIONS | MEDIA

When is a Remedial Constructive Trust Available? WEL Newsletter, April, 2017

Can you consent to sex if you have dementia? WEL Blog, April 20, 2017

UK Case: Courts and the Objective Truth. WEL Blog, March 1, 2017

Financial Abuse of Seniors: A growing problem in Canada. WEL Blog, December 20, 2016

When “insane delusions” may impact on the validity of a will: *Sweetman v. Williamson Estate*. WEL Blog, August 12, 2016.

Ontario Court of Appeal, “Young Lawyers Panel.” December 3, 2014

LSUC Program “Complex Commercial Litigation matters.” April 4, 2014

Kaplan Law Forum, February 2, 2009

Laws Program, April 21, 2009