



Lionel J. Tupman, BA, JD

PRACTICE

Lionel is a Partner at WEL PARTNERS, ranked nationally by Canadian Lawyer as one of the Top 5 Trusts and Estates Boutique firms in Canada. Lionel's practice focuses on estate and trust related litigation matters, including professional liability, breach of trust and administrative litigation with a particular focus on matters involving breaches of fiduciary obligations.

EXPERIENCE

Lionel regularly appears before the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Divisional Court and the Superior Court of Justice. Lionel also has a unique knowledge of administrative judicial review procedure, and represents clients in judicial review matters in Divisional Court.

Lionel sits as a member of the Trusts and Estates Section Executive of the Ontario Bar Association. He also sits as a founding and current member of the Elder Law Section Executive of the Ontario Bar Association.

Lionel is a member of The Advocates' Society and the Estate Planning Council of Toronto.

Lionel has acted as counsel in a range of litigation matters, including commercial, elder abuse, administrative, education, development and corporate governance related litigation.

Lionel has particular expertise in all aspects of contested passing of accounts matters when acting for both fiduciaries and beneficiaries.

Lionel regularly speaks at educational seminars for other lawyers and estate professionals on fiduciary accounting and passing of accounts procedure. In the past year, Lionel has spoken at seminars hosted by the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association, the Bar Association of Prince Edward Island and the Quebec Bar Association.

Several times every year, Lionel speaks at the Toronto Police College's Elder Law Investigation Course.

In 2014, Lionel was asked to run as a general election candidate for provincial parliament for the Niagara Falls Riding, and was the youngest candidate ever to run in that riding.

Lionel aggressively advocates for his clients' interests in any dispute in which he is counsel.



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Lionel's courtroom experience allows him to effectively represent clients in complex matters at all stages of litigation, from the commencement of a proceeding to trial, and to appeal if necessary.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Solicitors' Negligence presentation: Bar Association of Prince Edward Island, June, 2017

Learning to Swim in the Sea of Self-Doubt: Just Magazine, December 16, 2016

Presentation on *Predatory Marriage*, Quebec Bar Association, Montreal, March, 2016

Discrimination by Fiduciary Protection Continuing Federal Paternalism in Aboriginal Succession and Inheritance Law, *Advocates Quarterly*, Vo. 46, No. 1, September 2016

The Honour of the Crown and Indian Succession and Inheritance Law in Canada: Fiduciary Production or Creeping Re-Appropriation of Aboriginal Property, *The Advocates Quarterly*, Vol. 45, No. 2, March 2016

Law Society of Upper Canada Estates and Trusts Summit, *Undue Influence Presentation*, October, 2015

American Bar Association: Editor, *The Essentials of Merger Review*, (textbook) ABA Section of International Law, (Chicago: American Bar Association 2013)

Co-Author of "Canada" chapter in 2011 ABA Section of International Law Antitrust Year-in-Review publication

Assistant Editor of 2011 *ABA Section of International Law Antitrust Year-in-Review publication* in *International Comparative Legal Guides*

Co-Author of "Canada" chapter in *Cartels & Leniency 2012* publication

MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Upper Canada

The Advocates' Society (served for 2 years as a director on the Young Advocates' Standing Committee)

The Ontario Bar Association, Estates and Trusts Section Executive Member

The Ontario Bar Association, Elder Law Section Executive Member

The Canadian Bar Association

The Toronto Lawyers' Association

The Estate Planning Council of Toronto



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Phi Delta Phi Honour Society

Membership Chair Liberal Party Federal Riding Association for Niagara Falls, July 2012 to July 2016

Campaign Chair Federal and General Election October 2015

Candidate for Provincial Parliament June 2014 Niagara Falls riding

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Morse Shannon LLP

Dentons Canada LLP

Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP

PERSONAL

In addition to Lionel's involvement in politics at the federal and provincial levels, Lionel is an avid jazz saxophonist and plays with the lawyers' blues band, "Oui B Jamon" to raise money for various charities in Ontario including March of Dimes, Covenant House, AidsBeat and the Easter Seals.

Lionel is also a former professional bagpiper, having won back-to-back North American Championships before starting law school. Lionel is a certified adjudicator of the Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario, and continues to teach bagpipe students in Toronto and Niagara.