



Rebecca Betel, MA, JD

PRACTICE

Rebecca is a Lawyer at WEL Partners, whose practice areas include:

- Wills, Estates, Trusts 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

Rebecca joined WEL Partners as a Lawyer in October of 2021. Prior to joining WEL Partners, Rebecca articulated at a full-service law firm in downtown Toronto where she gained extensive experience in wills, trusts, estates and litigation.

Rebecca obtained her B.A. from York University in 2012, her M.A. from the University of Ottawa in 2016 and her J.D. from Western University in 2019. Rebecca was called to the Ontario Bar in June of 2020.

Throughout her time at law school, Rebecca competed in numerous oral advocacy competitions where she consistently placed as a top participant. Additionally, during law school, Rebecca worked at a free legal clinic where she assisted local residents with their estate plans and power of attorney documents.

Rebecca believes that lawyers are uniquely positioned to help their clients. She understands that estate matters can be deeply personal, and aims to help her clients navigate the often complex legal landscape of estate litigation.

When she's not in the office, Rebecca can be found spending time with her family and working on her indoor garden.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Current

Law Society of Ontario

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

Junior Trusts and Estates Practitioners (JTEP)

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

WEL Partners / Whaley Estate Litigation: Associate, Oct 2021 – Present. Wills, estates, trust, fiduciary and capacity litigation.

Epilogue: Legal Content Writer: Nov 2020 – Dec 2020. Created content distilling complex estate planning matters into accessible online articles.

Robins Appleby LLP: Articling Student, 2019 – 2020. Civil litigation, construction law, corporate law, wills, estates and trusts, tax and real estate.

Robins Appleby LLP: Summer Student, May 2018 – Aug 2018. Civil litigation, construction law and real estate.

Community Legal Services: Supervisor, May 2017 – May 2018 . Civil litigation, criminal law, family law, wills, estates and trusts.

Pro Bono Students Canada: Supervisor, May 2017 – May 2018. ID Project and Legal Referral Project.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Trust and Estate Practitioner Designation (TEP), *candidate* – expected 2023

Barrister and Solicitor, Law Society of Ontario: June 2020

J.D., Western University: 2019

M.A., University of Ottawa: 2017

Hons. B.A., York University: 2012

MOOT COMPETITIONS | AWARDS

Gale Cup Moot, 2018: Ranked 4th against 32 participants

Lerners LLP Cup, 2017: Finalist, ranked 3rd against 104 participants

Extractive & Indigenous Affairs Moot, 2017: Finalist, honourable mention

First Year Appellate Competition, 2017: Finalist, ranked 4th against 52 participants

Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Competition in Legal Ethics, 2017: Participant

Cherniak Cup Trial Advocacy Competition, 2016: Honourable mention