



Bryan Gilmartin, BMus, JD/JD

PRACTICE

Bryan Gilmartin is a Partner at WEL Partners where he practices exclusively in the areas of estate, trust, power or attorney, capacity, and guardianship litigation. 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
- Mediation

EXPERIENCE

Bryan came to the practice area honestly. Growing up an only child in a small town in northern Ontario, he lived and worked in the family funeral home alongside his mother and father. At a young age, Bryan was immersed in the sensitivities, tragedies, and emotions that accompany death. He also had the opportunity to learn how to navigate the challenges of running a small business. He relies on these experiences every day when navigating the challenges that accompany the practice area.

Leaving his undertaking days behind him, Bryan left the north to pursue an education in music at the University of Toronto where he studied jazz performance. During his studies, he had the opportunity to play with some of the great jazz musicians in the country and the world. He also taught music all over the city of Toronto. After a few years of playing late nights into early mornings with several incredible yet forgettable bands, Bryan set his sights on a career in law and he attended the Dual JD program at the University of Windsor and the University of Detroit Mercy.

Bryan joined WEL Partners as a Summer Student and worked there throughout his law school years. Upon his graduation, he returned as an Articling student and then as an Associate following his call to the Ontario Bar in 2020. Bryan has worked on matters at all levels of court, including the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He frequently mediates trust and estate related disputes. His articles have been featured in the Globe and Mail, he regularly presents at Continuing Legal Education programs and has been named in Best Lawyers since 2022. Bryan is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, the Baycrest Foundation Professional Advisory Group, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

When not at work, Bryan enjoys making his way around the city in search of the best cup of coffee with his wife and their young son (hence why coffee is required). You may also find him on a golf course with friends, cooking elaborate meals on his kamado grill, or back up north wetting a line at his favorite fishing hole.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2021 – present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Ontario (LSO)

Ontario Bar Association (OBA)

Canadian Bar Association (CBA)

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

International Bar Association (IBA)

Toronto Lawyers' Association (TLA)

The Advocates Society (TAS)

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), Member

Estate Planning Council of Canada, Member

The Professional Advisory Group at Baycrest Foundation, Group Member,
January 2021 – present

SickKids Professional Advisors Network, Member
October 2023 – present

Canadian Bar Association Estates and Trusts Law Section, Member at Large
September 2025 – August 2026

Ontario Bar Association Elder Law Executive, Technology Liaison
September 2023 – June 2024

Ontario Bar Association Elder Law Executive, Member at Large,
September 2021 – August 2023

Ontario Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Executive, Member at Large,
September 2021 – August 2023

Estate List User Committee (ELUC) of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Toronto
June 2020 – December 2021

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Program on Negotiation – Mediation Intensive, Harvard Law School, November 2024

Juris Doctor, University of Windsor: May 2019

Juris Doctor, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law: May 2019

Bachelor of Music (Honours), University of Toronto: May 2015