



## Bryan Gilmartin, BMus, JD/JD

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.

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. 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 2021. 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. He also currently sits as a Member at Large on the Ontario Bar Association Elder Law Executive Committee and Alternative Dispute Resolution Executive Committee.

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 newborn 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.