

40 YEARS, 40 STORIES

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Having practiced law for more than 25 years, **Roy** understands it's less about the technicalities and more about listening to your instincts and taking a holistic view.

This insight is especially valuable in Roy's capacity as a partner and head of the Wills, Trusts & Estates group, where he guides the well-being of the business and its people. "Imagining where the practice is heading, while looking out for our staff, is both exciting and daunting," he says. But McLeod's collaborative spirit helps. "How we've worked together to adapt for COVID is a testament to the firm's teamwork."



Roy offers that same collaborative leadership to clients. He begins by simply listening, taking his cues from them. "This isn't just a legal transaction, it's a psychological relationship, one of deep trust." He loves seeing clients emerge at the other end of their journey. "They move through grief to acceptance to renewal, discovering the ability to embrace life again."

Roy is proud to have been part of McLeod's evolution from four lawyers to more than 55. He likes that while the firm has global connections through its **TAGLaw alliance**, it's still local. "We've grown to reflect our clients, with a similar family-owned vibe," he says. "It's a great place to work. It feels like home."

Roy is married and has two teenaged daughters and a Yorkie puppy called Zeus. Skiing, golf, music, cycling, mountain adventures and travel keep them all busy. Since 2014, he's been the Honorary Consul of France in Calgary, an appointment he feels privileged to hold.

In celebration of our milestone anniversary, **40 Years 40 Stories** celebrates the diverse expertise, personalities and points of view that have helped our firm grow with the Calgary community since 1980.