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PRACTICE AREAS

Wills, Trusts & Estates
Estate Administration
Estate Dispute Resolution

I ask for honesty from clients. In return, they get tireless, passionate pursuit of their goals.

Layne's practice focuses on estate litigation and, in particular:

- disputes over wills and other testamentary documents
- powers of attorney and personal directives
- family maintenance and support claims

He provides practical advice and when acting for an estate's personal representatives always takes steps to lessen the risk that a claim is made against an estate and its trustees.

Education

- 2009** University of Manitoba, JD
- 2006** Brandon University, BA (Honours)
- 2001** Robertson Broadcasting Academy, Radio & Television Broadcasting Diploma (Honours)

Admissions

- 2010** Alberta

Experience

- Starratt v. Mamdani, 2017 ABCA 92
- Toyota Tsusho Wheatland Inc v. Encana Corporation, 2016 ABQB 209
- Bohn v. PG&E Corporation, 2013 ABQB 77
- 1164637 Alberta Ltd. v. Terrapin Mortgage Investment Corp., 2012 ABCA 334
- Nexstep Resources Ltd. v. Talisman Energy Inc., 2012 ABQB 708
- Strategic Financial Corp. v. 1402801 Alberta Ltd., 2012 ABQB 292

Recognition

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- “Bill 34: Building New Petroleum Markets Act - Passes First Reading at the Alberta Legislature,” BLG Oil & Gas Alert, November 2013. Cited by Julius Melnitzer in the National Post, “Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission Gets Broad New Powers,” November 18, 2013

Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association Southern Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association National Wills & Trusts Section
- Calgary Bar Association

Community

- Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench
Volunteer, Amicus Project

- Provincial Court of Alberta
Volunteer, Civil Claims Duty Counsel program

Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

PRESENTER

HOW TO AVOID LITIGATION RESULTING FROM TRAIN WRECK ESTATES

McLeod Law LLP Wills, Trusts & Estates Update, March 2019

PRESENTER

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY (TO INTERPRET THE WILL) CONTENTIOUS MATTERS IN WILLS AND ESTATES

Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA) , November 2018 (Edmonton), November 2018 (Calgary)

PRESENTER

RECENT REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST TO ENERGY LAWYERS

Canadian Energy Law Foundation 52nd Annual Jasper Research Seminar, June 2013 (Jasper)