

# Margaret E. Rintoul

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CALLED TO THE BAR OF ONTARIO,  
1978

## EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Western Ontario, 1976
- B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1973
- Stitt Feld Hendy Certificate in Mediation, University of Windsor

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Wills & Estates
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

When lawyers and financial advisors have complicated estate and guardianship problems, they call Margaret. Specialized work in complex, high-conflict family estate and guardianship situations, international estate administration matters, and difficult estate planning scenarios are Margaret's chosen practice area. As an advocate, client counsel and as a mediator, Margaret is a problem solver, using all of the available tools to achieve solutions that work. When necessary, she is ready, able and willing to take matters to court, including the Court of Appeal.

With over 40 years of experience in estate planning, litigation, and administration, and adult guardianship and power of attorney matters, Margaret draws on a wealth of technical knowledge and practical experience. As a mediator she uses this combination of skills to help the parties reach creative solutions that will lead to lasting results. As counsel, she has years of experience before the courts in effective advocacy for clients. As an estate planning and administration lawyer, her broad and extensive experience enables her to reach solutions quickly and effectively.

## EXPERIENCE

- *Kilitzoglou v. Curé*, 2018 ONCA 891

## RECOGNITION

- Recipient, OBA Award of Excellence in Trusts and Estates Law
- Ranked in *Chambers & Partners* Global High Net Worth Guide in Private Wealth Law (Canada) and Private Wealth Disputes (Canada)
- Recognized by *Lexpert® Canadian Legal Directory* as a Leading Practitioner (Consistently Recommended) in Estates & Personal Tax Planning
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2024 for Trusts and Estates Law

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Society of Trust and Estates Practitioners
- Estate Planning Council Toronto
- Ontario Estates Bench and Bar Liaison Committee

## RELATED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [February 09, 2023](#)  
Speaker, More on Family Trusts: Practical Applications and Professionalism Issues for Family Matters, Estates Planning, and Businesses
- [May 13, 2020](#)  
Speaker, His, Hers and Ours: Estate Planning in a Blended Family Webinar
- [October 08, 2019](#)  
Speaker, Working with the Estates Bar: How Estate Lawyers Can Help Us

## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- [January 04, 2022](#)  
Author, Important Estate Planning Changes for Couples effective January 1
- [May 10, 2021](#)  
Author, Virtual Signing and Witnessing of Wills and Powers of Attorney One Year Later - One Year Later
- [November 03, 2020](#)  
Author, Signing and Storage of Wills - Fast Forward to a New Reality?
- [July 27, 2020](#)  
Author, Estate planning during COVID-19: Four months later
- [April 30, 2020](#)  
Author, Update - What you should know about Powers of Attorney and Substitute Decision Making

- [April 15, 2020](#)  
Author, Alternate Estate Dispute Resolution in current COVID-19 times
- [April 13, 2020](#)  
Author, Update - Witnessing of Will and Powers of Attorney by Video
- [April 8, 2020](#)  
Author, Witnessing of Will and Powers of Attorney by Video
- [March 31, 2020](#)  
Author, Wills and Powers of Attorney in a Social Distancing Environment
- [September 23, 2019](#)  
Co-Author, Ounce of prevention: Marriage contracts and family trusts
- [June 18, 2019](#)  
Co-Author, When a family trust is really a sham

#### RELATED TEXTBOOKS

- [July 2023](#)  
Ontario Estate Administration, 9th edition
- [August 2019](#)  
Practitioners Guide to Estate Practice, 8th Edition
- [April 2007](#)  
Canadian Forms & Precedents - Wills and Estates

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Chair, Annual Institute, Ontario Bar Association (2007-2009)
- Co-Chair, Make a Will Month, Ontario Bar Association (2001-2003)
- Implementation Committee, Ministry of Attorney General Substitute Decisions Act (1993-1996)