

# JESSIE LAMONT

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## INTRODUCTION

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Jessie Lamont has been an associate at the firm Goddard Gamage LLP in Toronto, Ontario since May 2017. The firm's focus is in the areas of estate litigation, trusts, consent and capacity law, elder law, guardianship, power of attorney litigation, estate planning, and estate administration.

## EDUCATION

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**Called to the Bar of Ontario** 2016

**Queen's University Faculty of Law** 2012 – 2015

*Juris Doctor*

- Queen's Law Prize in Advanced Family Law, 2015
- Queen's Law Prize in Wills & Estate Planning, 2014
- Dan Soberman Award (Excellence in Legal Aid), 2014

**The University of King's College/Dalhousie University** 2006 – 2011

*Faculty of History, Bachelor of Arts (Combined Honours)*

- Authored "A Meeting of Egyptian Women: Secular Feminism versus Agency in Piety," published in *Pangaea*, the Dalhousie History Journal, 2011
- King's President's List, 2011
- Pickett Trust Scholarship, 2011

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Goddard Gamage LLP** May 2017 – Present

*Litigation Associate*

- Practising in the fields of estates, trusts, consent and capacity law, and elder law
- Assisting with drafting court materials, including application records and motion records, as well as drafting guardianship documents, including guardianship applications, management plans, and amended management plans

**Dentons Canada LLP** 2014 – May 2017

*Litigation Associate*

- Provided legal representation on a broad range of complex civil litigation files, including, but not limited to, corporate and commercial, real estate, contractual, and insurance disputes, with particular interest in estates and trusts matters
- Attended and assisted with examinations for discovery and mediations
- Appeared at Superior Court and acted as pro bono duty counsel at the Small Claims Court

*Articling Student/Summer Student*

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on various corporate/commercial and estate litigation issues
- Assisted in securing a favourable settlement for a large, multi-party product liability class action
- Accompanied lawyers to court appearances and assisted with note-taking, drafting, and document review

**Queen's Legal Aid** September 2013 – May 2014

*Student Caseworker*

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on issues including provincial offences and small claims
- Attended resolution meetings, judicial pre-trials, hearings, and court dates as an agent for various clients
- Completed Charter submissions and oral and written submissions for the Social Benefits Tribunal

**Bales Beall LLP***Summer Law Student*

May 2013 - August 2013

October 2011 - August 2012

- Supported a team of lawyers specializing in family law, litigation, estates and trusts
- Researched and drafted memoranda on issues including child and spousal support, child access arrangements, financial disclosure, division of matrimonial assets, and dependent support claims in the family and estate contexts
- Attended motions, case conferences, and settlement conferences at the Superior Court of Justice

**PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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“*Tarantino v Galvano*: Case of the Month,” presentation, Canada Bar Association: Contested Passing of Accounts February 27, 2018

“Protectionism vs. Paternalism: Developments in Consent and Capacity Litigation,” co-authored paper with Nimali Gamage, LSUC, Estates and Trusts Summit October 16, 2017

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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**Pro Bono Ontario, *Small Claims Court Duty Counsel*** September 2016 – May 2017

- Assisted unrepresented people navigating the court system and explaining legal concepts using accessible language

**Young Women in Law, *Events Officer, Board of Directors*** October 2016 – Present

- Member of the Board of Directors of Young Women in Law, organizing, executing, and managing all events and budgets

**Young Women in Law, *Articling Student Representative*** September 2015 – May 2016

- Member of the events committee of Young Women in Law, assisting with the execution of the YWL Annual Charity Gala
- Advised the Board of Directors about areas of interest for articling students

**Queen’s University Faculty of Law, *Upper Year Peer Tutor*** January 2015 – April 2015

- Provided clarification on points of law and study guidance for the Wills and Estate Planning upper year course

**Queen’s Faculty of Law, *Orientation Events Co-Chair*** April 2013 – September 2013

- Planned and organized three weeks of Orientation events for the incoming class
- Coordinated with a team of five to successfully fundraise, manage a large budget, and collaborate with local businesses

**Pro Bono Students Canada, *Law Student Volunteer*** September 2012 – April 2013

- Researched and drafted a legal memorandum pertaining to labour and employment law, with a focus on successor rights for unions in the wake of a merger

**The Exposure Project, *Event Coordinator*** October 2011 – March 2012

- Worked with a team of social workers and women in the All Saints community to candidly document the day-to-day experiences of street-based sex workers and organized a team of over twenty volunteers
- Coordinated the first Exposure Project silent auction gala with All Saints Community-Centre Church, raising over \$30,000 used to fund the social assistance programming at All Saints

**Pangaea, *Dalhousie History Journal, Editor*** October 2009 – April 2010

- Member of the editorial board; active participant in the selection process for journal submissions, and provided substantive edits for papers published in the annual journal

October 2008 – April 2009

**The Memoir Project, *Editor***

- Volunteered to provide substantive edits for the submissions for a student-written anthology of the memoirs of senior citizens at The Berkeley retirement home

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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- Canadian Bar Association September 2016 - Present
- Ontario Bar Association September 2016 - Present
- Toronto Lawyer's Association September 2016 - Present
- Young Women in Law August 2015 - Present