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INTRODUCTION

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

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

Goddard Gamage LLP May 2017 – Present

Litigation Associate

- Practising in the fields of estates, trusts, consent and capacity, and elder law
- Responsible for drafting all manner of court materials, including application records and motion records, as well as guardianship documents, including guardianship applications, management plans, and amended management plans
- Responsible for primary client management on files
- Appeared regularly before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Estates List
- Prepared for and conducted cross-examinations and examinations for discovery of witnesses independently
- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda
- Worked effectively on a team with legal assistants, clerks, and partners

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 the Ontario Superior Court of Justice 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

May 2013 - August 2013

Summer Law Student

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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| “Drawing Back the Curtain: Challenging the Conduct of Estate Trustees, Attorneys, and Guardians,” co-authored paper with Nimali Gamage, Ontario Trial Lawyers’ Association 2018 Annual Fall Conference | October 19, 2018 |
| “Passing of Accounts Relating to Guardianships: A Day of Reckoning for Guardians of Property (and Their Lawyers,” co-authored paper with Jan Goddard, Law Society of Ontario, Annual Estates and Trusts Summit 2018 | October 10, 2018 |
| “ <i>Tarantino v Galvano</i> : 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, Law Society of Ontario, Annual Estates and Trusts Summit 2017 | October 16, 2017 |

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Young Women in Law, Board of Directors

September 2015 - Present

Vice-President & Director of Membership

October 2018 – Present

- Responsible for assisting with the administration of the YWL Board of Directors, including conducting interviews for new applicants to the Board of Directors
- Responsible for all membership initiatives, including maintaining the size of YWL’s current membership base and attracting new members
- Attended and participated in monthly Board of Directors meetings and quarterly Advisory Board meetings

Events Officer

October 2016 – October 2018

- Member of the Board of Directors of Young Women in Law events team
- Responsible for planning, organizing, executing, and managing monthly events and budgets, including securing speakers, venues, and coordinating with the sponsorship team
- Prepared and delivered introductory remarks prior to Margaret Atwood’s keynote address at the 2018 YWL Annual Charity Gala, which raised \$50,000.00 for #AfterMeToo, a national movement in Canada to activate change on sexual violence, in partnership with the Canadian Women’s Foundation
- Organized the 2017 YWL Charity Gala, featuring a keynote address by Laura Nirider (appellate counsel to Brendan Dassey, of *Making a Murderer*), which raised over \$26,000.00 (and received a matching donation) to contribute to the Centre on Wrongful Convictions of Youth (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL)
- Attended and participated in monthly Board of Directors meetings and quarterly Advisory Board meetings

- Articling Student Representative* September 2015 – May 2016
- Assisted with the execution of the 2016 YWL Annual Charity Gala, featuring a keynote address by Marie Henein, which raised \$25,000.00 (and received a matching donation) to contribute to War Child
 - Advised the Board of Directors about areas of interest for articling students
- Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), Honourary Committee Member** June 2017 – November 2017
- Assisted with fundraising, planning, and execution of the annual Person’s Day Event charity fundraiser
- 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
- 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
- The Memoir Project, Editor** October 2008 – April 2009
- 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

- 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