

# Kaylie Handler

## **INTRODUCTION**

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Kaylie Handler has been an associate at the firm Goddard Gamage LLP in Toronto, Ontario since February, 2010. 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 AND AWARDS**

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**Called to the Bar of Ontario** **2009**

**Queen's University Law School** **2008**

*Juris doctor*

- P.E. Newbury Prize in Family Law (2007)

**University of Western Ontario** **2005**

*Bachelor of Arts with Distinction*

- Graduated as a member of the Dean's Honour Roll
- Major in Sociology
- Dean's Honour List (2003-2005)
- The Western Scholar Award (2002)

## **LEGALWORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Goddard Gamage LLP**

*Lawyer*

**February 2010 – Present**

- Practising exclusively in the area of estates, trusts, guardianship and elder law
- Assisting clients with estate planning, estate administration, and drafting court materials, including application records, motion records, mediation briefs, facta, statements of claim and defence, and other court documents
- Appearing at the Superior Court of Justice on contested and uncontested motions, application hearings, scheduling appointments, settlement conferences, and pre-trial conferences

### **Office of the Public Guardian & Trustee, Ministry of the Attorney General**

*Counsel, Client Services*

**July 2009 – January 2010**

- Advised the Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee, Team Leaders and Client Representatives on various areas of law including, estate, trust, landlord-tenant, family, guardianship,

debtor/creditor, personal injury, real estate and matters under the *Substitute Decisions Act, 1992*

- Represented the Public Guardian and Trustee on matters before the Superior Court of Justice, including guardianship litigation
- Drafted pleadings, facta, application records, motion records and other court documents

### **Office of the Public Guardian & Trustee, Ministry of the Attorney General**

*Student-at-law*

**August 2008 – June 2009**

- Drafted court materials, including pleadings, facta, motion records, application records, and affidavits
- Attended at matters before the Ontario Court of Justice, Superior Court of Justice and administrative tribunals
- Researched and prepared memoranda of law on a variety of legal issues in practice areas including: family, contracts, charities, torts, real estate, trusts, estates, guardianship, health law, labour, and bankruptcy

### **Michael A. Handler Professional Corporation**

*Summer Student*

**April 2007 – August 2007**

- Legal research, prepared memoranda of law, and drafted pleadings in various areas of law including tort, employment and construction
- Assisted senior legal counsel in court proceedings

### **Queen's Legal Aid - Kingston, ON**

*Student Caseworker*

**2006-2007**

- Legal research and prepared memoranda of fact and law and opinion letters
- Represented clients before administrative tribunals and the Ontario Court of Justice
- Performed Intake interviews and obtained adjournments

## **ARTICLES, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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*The 2017 Legal Guide to Consent, Capacity & Substitute Decision Making – Understanding the SDA – From Property Management to Personal Care*, presentation and materials, Osgoode Professional Development

**March 2017**

*The 2016 Legal Guide to Consent, Capacity & Substitute Decision Making - From Property Management to Personal Care*, presentation and materials, Osgoode Professional Development

**June 2016**

*The Annotated Guardianship Application 2016 – Presentation of Guardianship Precedents*, presentation, Law Society of Upper Canada

**February 2016**

*The Annotated Guardianship Application 2016 - Annotated: Management Plan, Annotated: Notice of Application, Annotated: Sample retainer letter and Annotated: Affidavit*, written materials, Law Society of Upper Canada

**February 2016**

<i>Mental Health in Law: Perspective from Criminal Law, Civil Law and Medicine - Guardianship (property, personal care, elderly and personal injury clients)</i> , presentation, Medico-Legal Society of Toronto	<b>June 2014</b>
<i>Guardianship and the Catastrophically Injured</i> , article, co-authored with Jan Goddard and Nimali Gamage, Medico-Legal Society of Toronto	<b>June 2014</b>
<i>Powers of Attorney and Substitute Decision-Making</i> , presentation, East End Community Health Centre	<b>March 2013</b>
<i>Wills and Estates Planning: A Primer – The Initial Client Meeting: Capacity Issues</i> , (co-presenter with Chris Markou)	<b>September 2012</b>
<i>Wills and Powers of Attorney: Capacity and the Solicitor’s Duties</i> , article, co-authored with Chris Markou, Ontario Bar Association (OBA), <i>Wills &amp; Estate Planning: A Primer</i>	<b>September 2012</b>
<i>Case Comment – Jacques v. Hipel Estate</i> , article, Ontario Bar Association (OBA), <i>Trusts &amp; Estates Law</i> newsletter “Deadbeat”	<b>August 2012</b>
<i>Meeting Obligations to Clients With Disabilities in Ontario</i> , presentation, LSUC Professional Conduct and Practice in Ontario course, presentation	<b>May 2012</b>
<i>The Annotated Guardianship Application 2012</i> , presentation, Law Society of Upper Canada	<b>April 2012</b>
<i>The Annotated Guardianship Application 2012 - Annotated: Guardianship Affidavit and Annotated: Checklist for an Application for Guardianship for Property and Personal Care</i> , written materials, Law Society of Upper Canada	<b>April 2012</b>
<i>Case Comment: Smith Estate v. Rotstein: Costs at the Court of Appeal</i> , article, Ontario Bar Association (OBA), <i>Trusts &amp; Estates Law</i> newsletter “Deadbeat”, vol. 31, no. 1	<b>March 2012</b>
<i>Legal Issues for Caregivers</i> , presentation, Senior People’s Resources in North Toronto	<b>May 2011</b>
<i>Trust Companies as Decision Makers: When Property and Personal Care Decisions Collide</i> , presentation, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trust Company Lunch & Learn Program	<b>September 2010</b>
<i>Case comment: Bosch v. Bosch</i> , article, Ontario Bar Association (OBA) <i>Trusts &amp; Estates Law</i> newsletter “Deadbeat”, vol. 28, no. 4 (reproduced in July, 2010 <i>Money &amp; Family Law</i> , vol. 25, no. 7)	<b>May 2010 and July 2010</b>

## **NOTABLE CASES & CLASS ACTIONS**

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*Woytynska v. Ontario* (Public Guardian & Trustee), 2012 CarswellOnt 4150, 214 A.C.W.S. (3d) 316

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- Member of Law Society of Upper Canada **2009 - Present**
- Member of Ontario Bar Association – Trusts & Estates and young lawyers division **2010 - Present**
- Member of the Canadian Bar Association **2010 - Present**
- Member of the Mental Health Legal Committee **2011 - Present**
- Member of Senior People’s Resources in North Toronto Advisory Committee **2011 - Present**
- Member of the Junior Trusts and Estates Professionals **2012 - Present**

## **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

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### **Osgoode Hall Law School – Osgoode Professional Development**

- The Osgoode Certificate in Mental Health Law **2010**