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A lawyer with a particular focus on estate and guardianship litigation, Matthew Furrow joined Goddard Gamage LLP after practicing law for five years at a major national Canadian law firm.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyer **2015-present**

Goddard Gamage LLP, Toronto

- Practice in estate, trust, guardianship and elder law, primarily focused on litigation (including will disputes, dependants' relief, guardianship and capacity matters, disputes regarding powers of attorney, and passings of accounts).
- Represent clients in disputes at Superior Court, in appeals, and at mediation.
- Manage files and draft pleadings, motion materials, facta, and other written submissions; draft research memoranda and opinion letters for senior lawyers and clients.

Lawyer **2010-2015**

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto

- Practiced litigation at national full-service law firm; focused on estate litigation and general commercial litigation.
- Represented clients at a variety of levels of court and administrative tribunals including Landlord and Tenant Board, Provincial Offences Court, Small Claims Court, Superior Court, Divisional Court, and Court of Appeal, and at arbitration and mediation.
- Managed files and drafted written submissions, research memoranda and opinion letters for senior lawyers and clients.

Summer Law Student and Articling Student **2008, 2009-2010**

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto

- Drafted research memoranda, motion materials and pleadings for lawyers.
- Appeared at Small Claims Court and Superior Court for clients.

Student Caseworker and Division Leader **2006-2008**

Community and Legal Aid Services Programme, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto

- Managed cases and provided summary advice, under lawyers' supervision, at Legal Aid clinic in areas including income support, landlord/tenant, human rights, and criminal law.
- Represented clients at Ontario Court of Justice, Landlord and Tenant Board, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, and Social Benefits Tribunal.
- Presented to communities regarding tenants' rights and citizens' rights dealing with police.

LEGAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Volunteer Duty Counsel

2010-present

Law Help Ontario, Toronto

- Regularly volunteer at Superior Court and Small Claims Court, providing advice and temporary representation to low-income clients.

Trusts and Estates Section Executive

2014-2016

Ontario Bar Association

- Member-at-large, 2014-2016.
- Editor of online newsletter (*Deadbeat*) for 2015-16.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Author, “A Case Comment: Estate Trustees’ Personal Liability for Costs in *Sweetnam v. Lesage*,” *Deadbeat* (OBA.org), October 2018.
- Speaker, “Capacity Letters: A Cautionary Primer,” seminar at St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Toronto, September 2018.
- Panelist, “Living Now, Planning for the Future,” seminar at St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Toronto, June 2018.
- Author, “Foreign Guardians of Property and the Ontario *Substitute Decisions Act*,” *Estates Trusts & Pensions Journal*, December 2017.
- Speaker, “Five Mistakes That Trustees Make in Probate Matters,” at Law Society of Upper Canada seminar Practice Gems: Probate Essentials 2017, Toronto, September 2017.
- Author, “Five Mistakes That Trustees Make in Probate Matters,” paper for Law Society of Upper Canada seminar Practice Gems: Probate Essentials 2017, September 2017.
- Panelist, “Making Crucial Decisions: Planning Ahead for Changes in Health and Living Arrangements,” seminar at St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Toronto, June 2017.
- Co-Author, “A *Residential Tenancies Act* Primer for Estate Lawyers,” *Deadbeat* (OBA.org), April 2017.
- Panelist, “Essential Update on Estate Litigation Costs,” Ontario Bar Association seminar, Toronto, February 2017.
- Co-Author, “The Limitation of Applications to Pass Accounts,” *Advocates’ Quarterly*, November 2016.
- Author, “Case Comment: *Spence v. BMO Trust Company*, 2016 ONCA 196,” *Deadbeat* (OBA.org), May 2016.
- Speaker, Case Comment on *Spence v. BMO Trust Company*, at Ontario Bar Association Tax Update seminar, Toronto, April 2016.

- Author, “Donor Beware: Recent Changes Limit Testamentary Contributions to Federal Political Parties,” *Deadbeat* (OBA.org), October 2015.
- Author, “Changes to *Rules* Extend the Period Before an Action is Administratively Dismissed for Delay,” BLG Litigation Bulletin, December 2014.
- Author, “The Difficulty of Rectifying a Will Where the Solicitor Asserts No Error Was Made,” *Deadbeat* (OBA.org), October 2013.
- Speaker, “Dealing with Chattels Left Behind after Termination of a Lease,” Springfest property management conference, Toronto, April 2013.
- Co-Speaker, “Will Challenges: From Suspicious Circumstances to Capacity – How a Will Can Be Challenged,” Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario seminar, Toronto, January 2013.
- Chapter Editor, *Securities Law and Practice*, 3rd edition (looseleaf), Carswell & Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, 2010-13.

IN THE MEDIA

- Interviewee, “Parental leave: More and better choices for everyone,” *JUST* magazine (OBA.org), April 27, 2017.
- Interviewee, “Laws required so courts can nix discriminatory wills,” *Law Times*, June 20, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Law Society of Ontario (formerly Law Society of Upper Canada; called to the Bar in 2010)
- Ontario and Canadian Bar Associations
- Advocates’ Society

EDUCATION

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| Juris Doctor , <i>Osgoode Hall Law School</i> | 2006-2009 |
| Master of Arts, History , <i>University of Toronto</i> | 2002-2003 |
| Bachelor of Arts, History , <i>Bishop’s University</i> | 1999-2002 |