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Madeleine practices in the areas of estates and trusts, tax, real property, corporate and commercial law, and insolvency law. She strives to make life easier for clients by providing a practical, solution-focused and thoughtful approach.

Madeleine has experience working with individuals, businesses and organizations of various sizes and has supported matters for a range of private and public sector clients, including estate planning, corporate reorganizations, and transactional work for members of our Firm's largest clients. Madeleine also has experience supporting corporate transactions of scale, secured financings, and commercial restructuring and insolvency proceedings.

Examples of Madeleine's work include:

- Advising on the *Probate Act*, the *Intestate Succession Act*, and other processes where owners of property are deceased.
- Assisting with the administration of estates of varying complexity and value, from \$200K to \$400M.
- Drafting and assisting with administering trusts including joint partner and alter-ego trusts, asset protection trusts, family trusts, and testamentary trusts.
- Drafting and editing wills for individuals and families of varying net worth including complex estate planning strategies and detailed trusts for children, grandchildren and other heirs.
- Drafting charitable status applications for private and public foundations and assisting in their ongoing administration.
- Assisting with strategizing and creating tax-advantageous estate plans including drafting wills, trusts, and ancillary documents to implement estate plans.
- Real property transactions ranging from single property acquisitions or dispositions to more complex private and commercial transactions.
- Conducting research and drafting memoranda, court submissions, opinion letters, correspondence and related documents for corporate restructuring and insolvency proceedings.

- Assisting with corporate and commercial matters including mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, and financings.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing

Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency

Corporate Formation/Reorganization

Estates & Trusts

Real Property

Tax

Education & Career

Education

University of New Brunswick, JD, 2019

Lund University Faculty of Law (Juridicum), Sweden, 2018

Mount Allison University, BA (Honours), 2016

Activities

Vice-Chair – Wills, Estates and Trust Section, Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia branch)

Student Liaison Representative – STEP Atlantic Executive

Student Member – STEP Atlantic

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Nova Scotia Women's Hockey League

Volleyball Nova Scotia Beach League

Accolades

TEP designation from STEP

Thought Leadership

Update: New trust reporting and disclosure requirements under the *Income Tax Act*

November 29, 2022

Accountability and Oversight: Nova Scotia's new *Powers of Attorney Act*

May 09, 2022

New trust reporting and disclosure requirements under the *Income Tax Act*

November 24, 2020

The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program: COVID-19 economic response

May 21, 2020

Supreme Court of Canada confirms the broad discretion of the supervising CCAA judge regarding plans of arrangement and litigation financing: 9354-9186 *Québec Inc. v. Callidus Capital Corp.*, 2020 SCC 10

May 12, 2020

Halifax lawyers create a resource for STEP Canada outlining temporary estate document signing protocols by province during the COVID19 Pandemic

April 27, 2020

In-depth: economic response measures to COVID-19

April 06, 2020

Nova Scotia Commercial Rent Deferral Support Program: COVID-19 Economic Response

March 29, 2020

Proposed *Workplace Harassment and Violence Prevention Regulations* under the Canada Labour Code

August 02, 2019

Publications

Equality, Equity, and Exclusion: The Effect of the Jackson Estate Decision on Common Law Partners, ETPJ 39:4, August 2020