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PRACTICE AREAS

Banking & Finance • Corporate & Commercial • Corporate Services • Estate Litigation
• Estates & Trusts • Mergers & Acquisitions • Residential Real Estate
• Commercial Real Estate & Development • Small & Medium Sized Enterprises

BIOGRAPHY

Robin is a partner in the Charlottetown office of Cox & Palmer. She practices in the areas of estate and trust planning, corporate and commercial transactions, commercial and residential property, estate administration and probate work, and adult guardianship and committee applications. Her clients include individuals, trust companies, financial institutions, owner-managed businesses and national companies. Robin holds the designation of TEP (Trusts and Estate Practitioner) from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Robin's corporate and commercial law practice involves incorporations, shareholder agreements, corporate reorganizations, estate freezes, contract negotiations and asset and share purchases.

Robin also acts as counsel for clients of all sizes on real estate matters, residential (single and multi-unit) and commercial and on all aspects of real estate (purchase, sale, financing, and leasing).

EXPERIENCE

Robin has experience in:

- Estate planning for clients with assets in multiple jurisdictions
- Preparing wills, powers of attorney and health care directives for clients
- Adult guardianship and committee applications
- Estate planning for blended families
- Advising on estate litigation matters for both executors and beneficiaries
- IRAC applications and advice for individuals and corporations in PEI
- Buying and selling real estate in PEI
- Incorporating new companies
- Corporate reorganizations involving family trusts and holding companies
- Buying and selling assets or shares in a business
- Shareholder agreements
- Large commercial real estate developments

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Recognized by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Estate and Tax Planning Law, Estate Litigation and Corporate Commercial Law
- Best Lawyers in Canada 2022 Charlottetown Real Estate Lawyer of the Year
- Consistently listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for her practice in the area of Real Estate Law and Trusts & Estates
- Named by Lexpert as a "Rising Star: Leading Lawyer Under 40" in 2016

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Prince Edward Island

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (2005)
- Prince Edward Island (2008)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of New Brunswick

EDUCATION

- University of Prince Edward Island (B.A. First Class Standing in Philosophy 2001)
- University of New Brunswick (LL.B. 2004)

PUBLICATIONS

- PEI Estate Planning Preparation - Checklist - Updated January 2025
- The Taxman Cometh: CRA Priorities in Insolvency Proceedings
- Consumer Protection in the Banking Industry
- Trapdoors in Newfoundland and Labrador Transactions: Prohibited Financial Assistance

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter at PEI Law Society "Plain Language Drafting for Estates" (2025)
- Various presentations for federal civil service retirement school re estate planning (2020- current)
- PEI Bar course lecturer – Estate Planning and Administration (2016 – present)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- CBA Wills, Estates and Trusts – PEI Section Chair (2011-2016)
- PEI CBA – President (2019/2020)
- Law Society of PEI Continuing Legal Education – Committee Member (2009-2017)

- Member – STEP Atlantic

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Chair of the regional Cox & Palmer Estates practice group

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Stars for Life – Board Member (2015-2024)