

PARTNER

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PRACTICE AREAS

Family • Employment & Labour • Residential Real Estate • Criminal

• Commercial Real Estate & Development

BIOGRAPHY

A graduate of University of New Brunswick Law School and practicing since 1997. Alanna is a partner in the Charlottetown office of Cox & Palmer.

Alanna's practice consists of a wide range of areas including litigation, family, property, employment & labour. Alanna has assisted Legal Aid doing Criminal Defense work and has experience working for the Provincial Crown prosecuting various Acts, By-laws, and criminal code offences. Alanna also has been referred by the Director of Child Protection to represent children under the care of the Director. Alanna is a licensed Adoption Agent.

EXPERIENCE

- · Has experience working for the Provincial Crown prosecuting various Acts, By-laws, and criminal code offences
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INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Consistently listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for her practice in the area of Family Law.
- · Best Lawyers' 2019 Charlottetown Family Lawyer of the Year

LANGUAGES

English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- · Law Society of Prince Edward Island

BAR ADMISSION

• Prince Edward Island (1998)



LAW SCHOOL

· University of New Brunswick

EDUCATION

- University of New Brunswick (LL.B. 1997)
- University of Prince Edward Island (B.A., 1st Class Standing, Major Political Science, Minor History 1992)

PUBLICATIONS

- Random Alcohol Testing Not Permitted in the Workplace
- Evolution of the Duty to Accommodate
- Employment & Labour Regional Newsletter December 2012
- Employee Privacy Update: Supreme Court of Canada Releases Decision
- Cox & Palmer Employment & Labour Case Update
- Regional Employment and Labour Group Newsletter
- The Lurking Danger of Abruptly Ending Disability Benefits Upon Termination

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation on Children and Divorce at the PEI Separation and Divorce Expo
- Best Interests of the Child Presentation 2011, 2012 Community Legal Information Association

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

· Vice-Chair and Board member of the PEI Criminal Code Review Board

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Regional Employment and Labour Practice Group member
- Regional Diversity Committee Member (2013)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- PEI Special Olympics Board Member 2011-Present
- UPEI Sports Hall of Fame Committee 2000-Present
- Glen Stewart Elementary Co-Secretary Home & School Executive 2010-Present
- Stratford Under 6, 8, and 10 Soccer Coach
- Past Board Member PEI Recreation & Sport Association for Physically Challenged
- · Past Board Member of Upper Room Hospitality Ministry
- · UPEI and UNB Alumni
- UPEI Women's Soccer Head Coach 2003
- UPEI Women's Soccer Assistant Coach 1998 –2002

