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### PRACTICE AREAS

Residential Real Estate • Family • Estate Litigation • Estates & Trusts • Insurance Litigation  
• Corporate & Commercial

## BIOGRAPHY

Serena is an associate in the Summerside office of Cox & Palmer. She obtained her law degree from the University of New Brunswick in 2019 and was called to the Prince Edward Island Bar in 2020. Prior to law school, Serena obtained a Bachelor of Social Work from St. Thomas University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Brunswick.

Serena currently maintains a general legal practice, with a growing interest in family law, real estate law, insurance defence, and wills and estate planning.

Serena dedicated her time in law school to experiential learning opportunities including coordinating the Pro Bono Students Canada Wills Project, chairing the University of New Brunswick Student Discipline Committee, volunteering with the Fredericton Legal Advice Clinic, and interning with the New Brunswick Child & Youth Advocate. In her final year of law school, Serena completed a Public Prosecutions internship as well as an Attorney General internship.

## INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- The Hon. Charles J.A. Hughes & Edith B. Hughes Scholarship

## LANGUAGES

- English

## LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Prince Edward Island

## BAR ADMISSION

Prince Edward Island (2020)

## LAW SCHOOL

- University of New Brunswick

## **EDUCATION**

University of New Brunswick (B.A. First Class, 2012)

St. Thomas University (B.S.W, 2014); University of New Brunswick (J.D., 2019)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Legal Transition: A Guide to Updating Your Legal Identity to Reflect Your Gender Identity
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- Significant Changes to the Divorce Act RSC 1985 c 3

## **COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Treasurer, PEI Literacy Alliance (2019)

Councillor, PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women (2019)