

Krystyne Rusek

Lawyer



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Education

B.Sc. (Hons.), University of Toronto (1997)

J.D., University of Western Ontario (2003)

Called to the Ontario Bar, 2004

Other Languages

Polish (working knowledge)

Ukrainian (working knowledge)

Areas of Expertise: Estate Litigation

Practice

Krystyne Rusek is a Member of the Estate Litigation Group and Will, Estates & Trusts Practice.

Krystyne's focus is on estate litigation, representing individuals and trust companies.

Her practice focuses in the area of estates, trusts and capacity disputes including will challenges, dependant support claims, inter vivos trust disputes, fiduciary accountings, guardianship applications and power of attorney disputes. She has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Krystyne also assists clients in resolving their disputes, whether through court proceedings or alternative dispute resolution, in a conscientious and cost-effective manner.

In 2012, Krystyne was co-counsel in a leading predatory marriage case *Juzumas v. Baron*, in which an elderly Lithuanian man was financially targeted by his caregiver. The caregiver was able to manipulate Mr. Juzumas into marrying her and transferring his home to her son. Acting with the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, Krystyne was successful in voiding the transfer of the house on the basis of unconscionability and undue influence. Krystyne and her co-counsel were also successful in defending the caregiver's claim for equalization and quantum meruit.

In addition to her experience in estate litigation, Krystyne has a comprehensive background in different areas of law, including estate planning and administration, estate conveyancing, real estate and not-for-profit and charities law.

Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Section
- Member, Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto

Publications

- Part Two of Four: Pallett Valo Women Leadership Interviews – March 2019
- “Settled Intention” to Treat as a Child – December 2018
- How Do You Sue a Dead Person? – October 2018
- Who is Protecting the Interests of Rob Ford’s Children? – September 2018
- Posthumously conceived children and succession rights – February 2018
- Posthumous Conception: Recent Changes to the Succession Law Reform Act and their Impact on Estate Law – October 2017
- Holograph Wills in Ontario – June 2017

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