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Executive summary

Nadia is a partner in the Private Client Services Group at Gardiner Roberts, focusing on estate planning and estate administration. She works with professionals, business owners, blended families, and individuals to create practical, personalized estate plans that reflect their unique goals and circumstances. Her experience includes business succession planning, cross-border matters, cottage succession, planning for beneficiaries with special needs, charitable giving, and the settlement of family and other trusts.

Nadia also supports executors, trustees, and attorneys for property and personal care, guiding them through each stage of the estate administration process—from the initial steps and probate to the final distribution of assets.

She holds the internationally recognized TEP designation from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is a regular speaker at community and professional events on estate planning and administration.

EDUCATION

University College London, LLB, 2006

University of Toronto, BComm, 2002

BAR ADMISSION

New York, 2009

Ontario, 2008

Expertise

Tax

Estate Administration

Private Client Services

Representative work

- Prepared the estate plan for a high net worth blended family with ongoing business activities, which included business succession planning, a spousal trust and trusts for beneficiaries with various needs.
- Assisted a business owner with the preparation of an estate plan that balanced sensitive family dynamics among children, some of whom were heavily involved in the family business.

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- Acted on behalf of an Estate Trustee in the administration of an estate with complex legal issues by negotiating with third parties to successfully avoid protracted court proceedings and manage costs to the estate.
- Advised an Attorney for Property in managing the property of an incapable person where many assets were held jointly with a third party whose interests conflicted with those of the incapable person.

Insights

Presentations

Assisted Decision-Making Under the SDA and Thoughts on Legal Counsel's Role, Ontario Bar Association, 30 June 2026

Presenter, "Estate Planning Primer", OCAD University, April 2026

Presenter, "Connecting the Dots: Succession planning for your veterinary practice and family", VETTalks, November 2024

Presenter, "Your Estate Planning File – Family law issues", Ontario Bar Association, July 2024

Presenter, "Estate Planning & Legacy Giving", Children Believe, November 2023

Presenter & panel member, "Peace of Mind Through Planning: The role of the Executor and Key Steps to Organize Your Estate", CAGP Greater Toronto Area Chapter, May 2023

Blogs

Life just got easier for Attorneys for Property. Well, sort of.

13 February 2026

Is there such a thing as TMI? What, with whom, and when should a trustee share information?

23 January 2026

Seeking Relief but Finding Regret

21 November 2025

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Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Associate Member, Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (STEP)
- Member, Ontario Bar Association – Trusts and Estates Section
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Estate Planning Council of Canada
- Member, Canadian Tax Foundation

Community engagement

- Member, Planned Giving Committee, Michael Garron Hospital Foundation
- Member, Advancement Committee, St. Clement's School