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Practice Areas

Estate and Trust Administration

Personal Planning: Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Health Care

Private Business and Family Enterprise Planning

Succession Planning for Privately Owned Businesses

Wealth Preservation

Bar Admission

2013, British Columbia

Education

2009, B.A., Simon Fraser University

2012, J.D., University of Calgary

RUTSU SHIKANO, ASSOCIATE

Rutsu is a lawyer in the Estate and Wealth Advisory Group. She advises small business owners, professionals, families and individuals on their business planning and personal planning needs. She takes a holistic approach to work with the client's existing team of professional advisors to develop practical and tax efficient plans catered to the client's unique situation and goals.

After completing her articles with the firm in 2013, Rutsu joined the Estate and Wealth Advisory Group.

Rutsu has completed Parts I, II and III of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada In-Depth Tax Course, receiving an Honorable Mention for her Year III Project.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

- Advise and assist clients with their personal estate and incapacity planning, including the preparation of Wills, Powers of Attorney, Representation Agreements, Inter-vivos Trusts, and Marriage/Cohabitation Agreements
- Advise and assist clients in probate applications and the administration of estates and trusts
- Advise and assist business owners with their corporate planning, including succession planning, re-organizations and estate freezes
- Advise and assist business owners with various corporate and business law issues, including the incorporation of British Columbia companies, the incorporation of BC professional corporations, preparation of shareholders' agreements, and corporate transactions

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Visiting Volunteer Lawyer, Inherit Your Rights (Tanzania, Africa)

Past Mentor, Take a Hike – Youth at Risk Foundation

Past Director, Japanese Canadian Citizens Association of Greater Vancouver



2020, In-Depth Tax Course (Parts I, II, and III), Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada – completed with honors

Languages

Japanese

Rutsu immigrated to Vancouver from Japan when she was three years old. Outside of work she enjoys exploring the North Shore mountains with her family. Rutsu’s surprisingly athletic senior pug passed away, and they now explore the North Shore mountains with their rescue dog. Rutsu has also spent time volunteering in Tanzania where she helped local women understand their human rights, property rights, inheritance rights and family law matters.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Law Society of British Columbia

Member, Canadian Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

December 15, 2016

Significant Changes to the Principal Residence Exemption – What You Need to Know Before December 31, 2016