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#### Practice Areas

Societies and Not-for-Profit

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

## RUTSU SHIKANO, PARTNER

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.

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 and 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.

## 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 B.C. companies, the incorporation of B.C. professional



**Bar Admission**

British Columbia, 2013

**Education**

University of Calgary, J.D., 2012

Simon Fraser University, B.A.,  
2009

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

**Languages**

English  
Japanese

corporations, preparation of shareholders' agreements, and corporate transactions

- Advise and assist not-for-profits with the incorporation of BC societies and the registration of charitable status

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *"Let Them Have Their Cake and Enjoy it, Too"* – Canadian Tax Foundation – Perspectives on Tax Law & Policy – Volume 5, Number 3, September 2024
- *Business Succession (including Bill C-208 and Employee Ownership Trusts)* – CFT BC Tax Conference, 2023 (Co-authored with Ariel Lekas)

**PROFESSIONAL & 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

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Law Society of British Columbia

Canadian Bar Association

**NEWS**

May 8, 2024

A Proud Sponsor of SBOT's Women in Business Awards

October 3, 2023

Do You Have a Will? BC's "Make a Will Week" Campaign – Oct. 1 – 7, 2023

January 20, 2023

Happy Lunar New Year!

February 1, 2022

Happy Lunar New Year!

January 5, 2022

Congratulations to our Newest Partners

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## **EVENTS**

September 14, 2023

Rutsu Shikano and Ariel Lekas Present at BC Tax Conference on Sept. 18, 2023

## **PUBLICATIONS**

July 17, 2023

Shareholders' Agreement in a Family Operated Business

December 15, 2016

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



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