



# Farha Salim (She/Her) TEP, Executive Committee Member, Partner

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## **Overview**

Farha Salim is a member of the firm's Wills, Estates + Trusts practice group. She assists clients with their personal estate and business succession planning, and she represents executors, estate administrators, beneficiaries and trustees in complex estates and trusts matters, including in litigation. Farha acts for a number of charities when they are estate beneficiaries. She has also assisted clients with planned charitable giving to support particular charitable initiatives and organizations.

Farha has over 20 years of experience in her field, having practiced exclusively in the area of wills, estates, trusts and charities since she was called to the bar. Prior to joining Field Law in 2010, Farha practiced at a national firm in Toronto.

Farha currently serves on the firm's Executive Committee, is past Chair of the firm's Wills, Estates + Trusts practice group and is past Chair of each of the Wills and Trusts, Charities and Elder Law Sections of the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta South). Farha is a member of the Society of Estates and Trusts Practitioners.

Farha has been recognized in The Best Lawyers™ in Canada under the Trusts and Estates category for over ten years and was named "Lawyer of the Year – Calgary" in both 2022 and 2024 for the same category. Farha has also been ranked in Chambers High Net Worth – Private Wealth Law category and is a Lexpert-ranked lawyer in the field of Trusts and Estates. Farha believes in approachability to conduct a sincere and transparent practice.

#### **Value to Clients**

"Compassion and empathy are just as important as legal knowledge and strategy in emotionally-charged estates matters. It is my goal to alleviate my clients' stress by personally guiding them through an overwhelming process and providing them with the information and advice they need to make well-informed and practical decisions that lead to solutions."

# **Experience**

Edmunds Estate (Re), 2020 ABQB 334

Hood v South Calgary Community Church, 2019 ABCA 34

Rodehutskors Estate (Re), 2018 ABQB 562

Edmunds Estate, 2017 ABQB 754

## Services

Wills, Estates + Trusts
Wills + Estate Planning
Estate Administration
Estate + Trust Disputes
Guardianship + Trusteeship

## Education

McGill University, 2001, Bachelor of Laws With Distinction McGill University, 2001, Bachelor of Civil Law With Distinction

## Admissions

Alberta, 2007 Ontario, 2002

## Languages

French



Lindsay Estate (Re), 2017 ABQB 452

## **Professional**

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Wills and Trusts Section (South)

#### **Executive Member**

2010 - Present

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

#### Member

2010-Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Elder Law Section (South)

#### Member

2007 - Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Charities Law Section (South)

#### Member

2007 - Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Elder Law Section (South)

#### Co-Chair

2010 - 2011

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Charities Law Section (South)

#### **Executive Member**

2009 - 2012

Ontario Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Young Lawyers Division

### Member

2006-2007

## Community

Member, Advisor Engagement Committee, The Calgary Foundation, 2024-Present

Member, Grants Advisory Committee, The Calgary Foundation, 2014-2018

Member, Advisory Committee, SAIT Legal Assistants Program, 2009-2011

Board Member, Dress Your Best (Toronto), 2004-2006

## Recognition

"Repeatedly Recommended" Estate + Personal Tax Planning, Estate + Tax Planning, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2018 - 2025

Trusts + Estates, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2015 - 2025

Trusts + Estates "Lawyer of the Year" - Calgary, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2022, 2024

"Recognised Practitioner" Private Wealth Law, Chambers High Net Worth Guide: 2020 - 2023

## **News + Views + Events**

March 13, 2025

**Understanding Wills + Estate Planning** 

February 28, 2023

Tips + Resources for Charities and Non-Profits as Estate Beneficiaries

April 2020

Ontario Court to Consider Whether a Will can be Witnessed Online

