

# WHO WE ARE

With over 70 lawyers with expertise in virtually every practice area, Devry Smith Frank *LLP* ("DSF") is dedicated to serving a wide variety of clients and their unique and varied needs. We provide leading-edge, individualized service that delivers excellent results. Established in 1964, DSF has consistently held a reputation for being practical, professional and approachable. We are also pleased to inform that we have merged our offices with Woitzik Polsinelli *LLP* ("WP Law"). We plan to build on WP Law's strong legacy and together with DSF's already sizeable presence in the area, we intend to combine our practices to create a pre-eminent full-service law firm in Durham which can provide a full range of legal services.

Based in Toronto, Canada's business centre and multicultural hub, we also have offices located across the GTA and Ontario. Each location is conveniently located near major routes and has ample parking.

The lawyers of DSF are committed not only to the practice of law, but to family and community. DSF has been located in the GTA for over half a century, and has established countless long-lasting and important relationships over the years. At DSF, we aim for honest, enduring relationships with all our clients.



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# WE ACT IN YOUR BEST INTEREST

The loss of a loved one can be a devastating and an emotional experience. While mourning a loss, you may find yourself overwhelmed by the responsibility of ensuring that all of your family's affairs are in order, especially if you are listed as an Executor, Administrator, or Trustee of an Estate or Trust for the deceased. However, many other individuals have also experienced being left out of the deceased's will and believe that they are entitled to a share. At DSF, we are here to act in your best interest and in accordance with the law.

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Estate litigation generally refers to legal proceedings to resolve disputes over the assets of a deceased family member. Most often, this involves challenges to a will, either to have it varied or to have it declared void. At DSF, our extensive experience in developing estate plans, business succession plans, drafting wills and trusts and working with executors, administrators, trustees, guardians and attorneys for property management allows us to provide outstanding advice and guidance when matters become contentious. This could happen when an individual is being left out of a deceased's will and believes that they are entitled to a share.

In these circumstances, knowing where to begin in matters of contesting a will can be extremely difficult. Our estates litigation lawyers have practiced law in the GTA since 1964 and are qualified to advise clients on how to proceed while providing support from start to finish when challenging the validity of a will. At DSF, we know that matters of estate litigation often come with a great deal of emotional pain along with legal and financial aspects. For more than 50 years, DSF has handled estate litigation cases with the compassion and expertise required to get our clients the results they deserve. Our estate litigation lawyers are always ready to sit down at any time and discuss your legal needs in a cost-effective manner.

## YOU CAN RELY ON DSF'S ESTATE LITIGATION LAWYERS TO HANDLE ISSUES SUCH AS:

- Advising estate trustees, executors/administrator/personal representatives, trustees, beneficiaries and family members regarding estate and trust related issues and disputes
- Challenges and Defence of Wills
- Interpretation of Wills and Trusts
- Dependants Support applications under the Succession Law Reform Act
- Passing of Accounts
- Defence of Solicitor's Negligence
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Spousal Rights
- Trust Law
- Quantum meruit claims
- Unjust enrichment
- Facilitating mediated settlement of disputes

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