



Joanna Weiss, BA (Hons), JD

PRACTICE

Joanna Weiss is a lawyer at WEL Partners, whose practice areas include:

- Wills, Estates, Trusts Disputes
- Advising Fiduciaries
- Dependant Support Claims
- Passing of Estate, Trustee, Attorney, Guardian & Fiduciary Accounts
- Capacity Proceedings
- Guardianships
- Power of Attorney Disputes
- Consent and Capacity Board
- End-of-Life and Treatment Decisions
- Medical Assistance in Dying
- Elder Law
- Elder Financial Abuse
- Solicitor's Negligence
- Representation of Persons Under Disability
- Probate Applications
- Opinions
- Agency Services
- Approval Motions Under Rule 7

EXPERIENCE

Joanna joined WEL Partners in March 2024 as a lawyer. Prior to joining WEL Partners, Joanna was a lawyer at boutique law firms that specialize in mental health litigation, estate, trust and capacity litigation, and professional negligence. Joanna was called to the Ontario Bar in 2013.

Joanna received an Honours BA in Philosophy (with distinction) from McMaster University. She holds a JD from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University wherein she obtained a Health Law and Policy Specialization designation. Joanna completed her articles of clerkship in criminal defence law, and as a young lawyer participated in coroner's inquests.

Joanna has a considerable background in capacity litigation and administrative law, and extensive appellate experience in these areas. For nearly a decade, Joanna primarily practiced patient-side mental health law and regularly appeared before the Consent and Capacity Board, Ontario Review Board, and the Superior Court of Justice. She has also appeared as counsel in the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Joanna prides herself on being a zealous advocate on behalf of her clients and working tirelessly to achieve practical results.

When not at work, Joanna enjoys cooking, traveling, playing recreational sports, and going on outdoor adventures with her rescue dog Puchi.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Ontario: 2013 - Present

Mental Health Legal Committee: 2013 - 2023

Criminal Lawyers' Association: 2013 – 2018

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

WEL Partners: Lawyer, March 2024 – Present

MayLex Litigation P.C.: Lawyer, September 2023 – February 2024

Swadron Associates: Associate Lawyer, December 2016 – June 2023

Anita Szigeti Advocates: Associate Lawyer, September 2014 – December 2016

Joanna Weiss, Barrister and Solicitor, Sole Practitioner and Freelance Agent: February 2013 – September 2014

Adam Goodman, Barrister & Solicitor and Price & Altman Barristers: Articling Student, December 2011 – October 2012

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Barrister and Solicitor, Law Society of Ontario: January 2013

Juris Doctor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia: May 2011

Bridge to Business Program, Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto: June 2007

Honours Bachelor of Arts (with distinction), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario: June 2007