



## Gwenyth Stadig

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## Biography

Gwenyth Stadig works in the area of Tax Law, with a focus on Social Impact. She provides general counsel and specialized tax advice to charities and not-for-profit organizations across Canada. She also works with the Private Client Services practice group to uniquely serve clients local to Southwestern Ontario.

Gwenyth provides practical advice and counsel in two main areas:

**Social Impact:** Gwenyth focuses her practice on assisting charities and non-profits, as well as organizations hoping to become charities or non-profits. She helps them navigate their unique complex regulatory environment and provides tailored advice.

**Private Client Services:** Gwenyth advises clients of estate and succession planning, as well as estate administration.

Gwenyth develops personal relationships with her clients to provide intelligent, tailored options for them to make informed decisions.

## Notable matters

- Advising a large religious denomination with regards to the accreditation of clergy through its individual denominational accrediting institutions;
- Experience working with and advising leaders of multiple religious denominations and their many churches across Canada;
- Obtaining many successful section 13 of the *Charities Accounting Act* orders for practical variation on the deeds of restricted gifts to charities;
- Advising a post-secondary religious institution with regards to amending its special legislation and corporate by-laws

## Thought leadership

### Publications

- Co-author, "Municipalities and charities: more in common than you might think", *Municipal World*, July 2020
- "[\(Another\) Update on COVID-19 pandemic economic and tax measures for charities and not-for-profits](#)", *Miller Thomson Social Impact Newsletter*, April 15, 2020
- "[Executor releases: the parameters on what is possible](#)", *Miller Thomson Wealth Matters Newsletter*, March 3, 2020
- Co-author, "Reminder of Ways to Maintain Proper Books and Records (Part 2)", *Canadian Council of Christian Charities*, February 8, 2020
- "[You have to know who your members are \(and know how to contact them\)](#)", *Miller Thomson Social Impact Newsletter*, December 10, 2019
- Co-author, "[Updates to the Canada Elections Act: Impact on Non-Profits and Charities](#)", *Miller Thomson Social Impact Newsletter*, July 30, 2019
- "Reflections of a Lawyer's First Visit to the SCC", *supremeadvocacy.ca*, January 2018
- Co-author, "Affective and self presentational responses to an exercise identity challenge: Investigating identity theory and the role of others", *Psychology of Sport & Exercise*, 2018

- Co-author, "I'm an exerciser: Common conceptualizations of and variation in exercise identity meanings", *International Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology*, 2017
- Co-author, "Using a Public Health Approach to Understand 'Skipping' Snowmobiles in Pangnirtung, Nunavut, Canada", *International Journal of Aquatic Research and Education*, 2014
- Co-author, "Adaption to Aquatic Risks due to Climate Change in Pangnirtung, Nunavut", *Arctic*, 2013
- Co-author, "'Don't be scared, you don't have to wear a lifejacket': Using the Theory of Planned Behaviour to understand lifejacket usage in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories", *Polar Record*, 2010

## **Presentations**

- Co-presenter, "Board Considerations in Phase 2 of COVID-19", Communitech Pro Squad, June 2020
- Co-chair, "Carrying Out Online Activities Across Canada", OBA Charity and Not-For-Profit Law Program, Toronto, June 2019
- Co-presenter, "Affective and self presentational responses to an exercise identity challenge", Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology, Ottawa, October 2010
- Co-presenter, "Risk-taking in a northern coastal, community: Differences in self-reported skipping of skidoos in Pangnirtung, Nunavut", Ocean Management Research Network Conference, Ottawa, October 2009
- Co-presenter, "Climate change and the mitigation of drowning in Pangnirtung, Nunavut", Inuit Public Health Task Group, Ottawa, January 2009

## **Community involvement**

- Member-at-large, Canadian Bar Association Charity & Not-for-profit Law Section, 2020 – 2021
- CPD Liaison, Ontario Bar Association Charity & Not-for-profit Law Section, 2020 – 2021
- Trustee, Waterloo Regional Law Association, 2019 – Present
- Member, FEMPowr, 2018 – Present
- Mentor, FEMPowr, 2018 – Present
- Member-at-large, Ontario Bar Association Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section Executive, 2018 – Present
- Member-at-large, Canadian Bar Association Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section Executive, 2018 – Present
- Member, Pro-Bono Students Canada Wills Project at that UNB Faculty of Law, 2014 – 2015
- Executive member, Women in the Law at the UNB Faculty of Law, 2014 – 2015
- Boaz Volunteer "Big Sister Mentor", 2012 – 2015
- Pro-Bono Students Canada, Access to Justice through the UNB Faculty of Law Chapter, 2012 – 2013
- Habitat for Humanity, Women Build 2011, Wellington County Habitat for Humanity, 2011

## **Professional memberships**

- Law Society of Ontario
- Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador (non-practicing status)
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Christian Legal Fellowship
- Canadian Association of Gift Planners

## **Bar admissions & education**

- Ontario Bar, 2016
- Newfoundland and Labrador Bar, 2016
- J.D., Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick, 2015
- M.A., School of Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa, 2010
- B.Sc. (Hon), School of Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa, 2008