Torkin Manes
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Risa is a partner at Torkin Manes. She focuses her practice on estate planning, including the preparation of wills, powers of attorney and trusts, and estate administration. Risa advises clients on strategies to minimize income tax and Estate Administration Tax and attends to the structuring and implementation of the plan.

Risa works closely with the firm's corporate and tax lawyers and the clients' advisors in advising business owners with respect to business succession planning. As well, Risa works in collaboration with the firm's litigation lawyers in estate litigation matters, including will challenges, applications to the court for direction, passing of accounts and appointment of guardians of property. Risa takes a personal approach to her practice to ensure that her clients' family and financial objectives are achieved in a manner that is practical, timely and efficient and addresses her clients' needs and concerns.

Expertise

- Not-for-Profit & Charities
- Tax
- Wills, Trusts & Estates

Awards & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada©* - Trusts and Estates (2020 - 2023)
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Estate & Personal Tax Planning - Estate & Tax Planning (2020)

Publications & Presentations

- Apr 09, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  Virtual Witnessing of Wills and Powers of Attorney Permitted In Ontario During COVID-19
- Mar 26, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  Peace of Mind During COVID-19
- Nov 06, 2018 | Presentation
  What You Need to Know for 2019 Regarding Tax, Estate Planning and Real Estate
  Torkin Manes Accountants Seminar

- Oct 30, 2018 | Presentation
  Powers of Attorney: What you and Your Clients Need to Know
  Pro Bono Ontario – Webinar
- Oct 23, 2018 | Presentation
  Considerations in Charitable Giving in Estate Planning
  Presentation to Weizmann Canada
- Nov 17, 2016 | Presentation
  Open Border - Hidden Risks
  Torkin Manes Annual Business Law Seminar
- Nov 12, 2015 | Presentation
  12th Annual Intensive Wills and Estates Workshop
  Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development
- Sep 29, 2015 | Presentation
  What You Need to Do Before Meeting with Your Client
  Wills and Estate Planning: A Primer, Ontario Bar Association
- Apr 08, 2015 | Presentation
  Does Your Executor Know Your Business?
  BDO (Mississauga), presentation with Jeff Noble - BDO
- Mar 12, 2015 | Presentation
  Continuing Power of Attorney for Property / Wills that Work / Top 10 Reasons to Consider a Corporate Executor
  BMO (Toronto), Behan Barnum Investment Management Group
- Jan 20, 2015 | Presentation
  Wills and Estates Issues in Domestic Contracts
  Osgoode Hall Law School
- Nov 21, 2014 | Presentation
  Update on Changes in Estate Law
  Creative Planning Financial Group
- Nov 13, 2014 | Presentation
  11th Annual Intensive Wills and Estates Workshop
  Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development
- Nov 04, 2014 | Presentation
  Estate Trust Summit
  LSUC
- May 29, 2014 | Presentation
  Preliminary Client Inquiries and Considerations Before Meeting With The Lawyer
  Ontario Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
- Mar 10, 2014 | Presentation
  Lunch & Learn Program
  CIBC Trust
- Oct 16, 2013 | Book
  Advising the Family-Owned Business
  Thomson Reuters, Canada Law Book, loose leaf service publication; first published in 1999, with annual updates
- Oct 10, 2013 | Presentation
  10th Annual Intensive Wills and Estates Workshop
  Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development

- Dec 10, 2012 | Presentation
  Keeping it in the Family: The implementation of the successful succession plan / Strategies to Ensure the Continued Success of the Family-Owned Business
  Accounting Firm
- Nov 20, 2012 | Presentation
  At Rest, But Not At Peace - Administrative issues that arise after death
  Torkin Manes Accountants' Seminar
- Sep 06, 2012 | Presentation
  9th Annual Intensive Wills and Estates Workshop
  Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development
- Jul 10, 2012 | Presentation
  Planning For Beneficiaries With Special Needs
  Asante Wealth Management/United Financial
- Nov 01, 2010 | Presentation
  Keeping it in the Family - The Implementation of the Successful Succession Plan
  Family Feud II - Strategies to Ensure the Continued Success of the Family-Owned Business, Torkin Manes Annual Business Law Seminar
- Sep 01, 2010 | Presentation
  Estate Planning: Adding Value to Your Client Relationships
  Advocis - Durham Chapter
- Apr 16, 2010 | Presentation
  Probate Planning & Use of Testamentary Trusts / Strategies to Preserve Wealth & Leave a Legacy
  Investors Group T.A.D. Education Session
- Mar 30, 2010 | Presentation
  Estate Administration for Law Clerks
  Chair, LSUC - Estate Administration for Law Clerks
- Oct 06, 2009 | Presentation
  Strategies to Preserve Wealth and Leave a Legacy
  Investment Advisors
- Apr 01, 2009 | Newsletter
  Who will manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated?
  Torkin Manes Focus Newsletter
- Apr 01, 2009 | Presentation
  The Will Review: Adding Value to Your Client Relationship
  For CIBC Trust

Memberships

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association - Estates and Trusts Law Section

Credentials

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 1988

Education

- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1986