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Amy Cull is an associate at Whaley Estate Litigation practicing exclusively in the areas of Estate, Trust, Capacity, Fiduciary and Power of Attorney Litigation.

Prior to joining Whaley Estate Litigation, Amy summered and articulated at a prominent Toronto law firm where she gained valuable experience in a broad array of practice areas, including Estates and Trusts Litigation, General Litigation, Mediation and Alternate Dispute Resolution, Corporate/Commercial and Corporate Finance/Securities Law, Real Estate Law and Municipal and Land Use Planning.

After articling, Amy worked closely with a former M.P. and Secretary of State of Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America. Their work together focused on strengthening Canada's human rights commitments both domestically and abroad. She has volunteered for a number of non-profit organizations, including the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) and Pro Bono Students Canada's Family Law Project. At PBSC, she assisted low-income and self-represented litigants with virtually every aspect of the litigation process.

Amy was called to the Ontario Bar in 2009 after obtaining her Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto in 2008. Prior to law school, Amy obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from York University where she was a member of the Dean's Honour Roll and maintained a steady spot on the Faculty of Arts Sessional Academic Achievement List for Outstanding Performance. She graduated in the top five percent of the student body.

Amy is an avid runner and is currently training for her second half-marathon.



LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Whaley Estate Litigation, Associate -- Estate, Trust, Capacity, Power of Attorney, Fiduciary, Elder Law, Litigation and Mediation [January 2010 - Present]
- Aird & Berlis LLP, Student-at-Law and Summer Student (first and second year) -- Family Law, Trusts, Wills/Estates Planning, Law of Fiduciaries, Labour/Employment Law, Energy Law, Contract Law, Corporate Finance/Securities Law, and Real Estate/Municipal Law [May 2006 - June 2009]

EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Toronto, Faculty of Law -- Juris Doctor (J.D.) [2008]
- York University, Faculty of Arts -- B.A., Hons, Major/Minor English and Women's Studies [2004]
- York University -- Member of the Dean's Honour Roll and Faculty of Arts Sessional Academic Achievement List for Outstanding Performance (top five percent of the student body) [1999 - 2004]
- York University -- Entrance Scholarship [1999]

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The Law Society of Upper Canada
- The Canadian Bar Association
- The Ontario Bar Association
- The OBA Estates and Trusts Section
- The OBA Civil Litigation Section
- OBA Feminist Legal Analysis Section

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored, with Kimberly Whaley, "Remarriages and Common Law Arrangements: Estate Claims by Spouses," for the Osgoode Professional Development Conference on Advising the Elderly Client [January 18, 2011]
- Contributing editor for Kimberly Whaley, "Predatory Marriages: Legal Capacity to Marry and the Estate Plan," for the Canadian Conference on Elder Law 2010 [October 29, 2010]
- Contributing editor for Kimberly Whaley, "Financial Abuse, Neglect and the Power of Attorney," for the Canadian Conference on Elder Law 2010 [October 28, 2010]
- Co-authored, "Reporting to Attorneys and Guardians: A Precedent Reporting Letter," for the LSUC Conference, Practice Gems: Drafting and Administering Powers of Attorney for Personal Care and Property 2010 [September 16, 2010]
- Contributing editor for Kimberly Whaley, "The 'Predatory Marriage': Legal Capacity to Marry and the Consequences with respect to Property and the Estate Plan," for CBA Canadian Legal Conference and Expo: Niagara 2010 [August 2010]

- Contributing editor for Kimberly Whaley, "Powers of Attorney and Substitute Decision Making: Friends or Foes for Preventing Elder Abuse" for the 2010 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day [June 2010]
- Co-authored, with Kimberly Whaley, "Passing of Accounts" chapter of *Key Developments in Estates and Trusts Law in Ontario*, 2009 Ed., by Bonnie Croll and Melanie A. Yach
- Authored case comment: *Schwark Estate v. Cutting* published in OBA Trusts and Estates Section online newsletter, *Deadbeat* (March 2010 - Vol. 28, No. 3)
- Co-authored "The Dead and the Depressed: Family Law and its Intersection with Estate Litigation (*Family Law Act* Elections)" for The Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario
- Prepared, with the Hon. David Kilgour, a commemorative speech on Mustafa Kemal Atatürk [November 8, 2009]
- Assisted the Hon. David Kilgour in the preparation of "Reducing Persecution of Religions Globally" by the Hon. David Kilgour, Ottawa Citizen [October 2009]
- Co-authored, with Melanie Yach, "Part V of the *Succession Law Reform Act* and Case Law," OBA Professional Development Conference, *The Dependants' Support Application: from Notice of Application to Trial*
- Co-authored, with John Mascarin, "Authentication of Municipal By-laws in Ontario" (*Digest of Municipal & Planning Law*)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Hon. David Kilgour (Former MP & Secretary of State of Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America), Assistant researcher and writer -- Work focused on strengthening Canada's human rights commitments both domestically and abroad [August - December 2009]
- Global Poverty Project (Canadian Chapter) -- Fundraising-related Research [October 2009]
- Pro Bono Students Canada -- "Family Law Project" [2008]
- Women's Legal Education & Action Fund (LEAF) -- "No Means No" Program [2005]
- York Region Women's Support Network -- Sexual Assault Crisis Line [2003]