

## **Jane E. Martin bio**

Jane Martin joined Scotiatrust in spring of 2022, after almost 20 years spent practicing law, focussed on estate and trust work, including estate planning, estate administration, estate and capacity law litigation and mediation. At Scotiatrust she is the manager for the Estates and Trusts consultants for the central region (Ontario), training and mentoring the team in their business development activities and with their subject matter expertise in estate and trust planning.

In private practice, Jane developed her skills as a mediator and used her extensive training in this area to assist families in achieving out of court resolutions of intergenerational disputes, including capacity law issues, will challenges, support claims and elder law disputes. Within Scotiatrust Jane continued to use those problem-solving skills to assist clients of Scotiatrust and its partners. She continues to work with families to discuss the role of family dynamics and complexities within the process of estate planning.

Jane has a varied professional background, including working as special counsel at the Office of the Children's Lawyer, where she provided strategic legal advice to the Children's Lawyer on complex trust and estate files.

Jane's accomplishments and contributions to the Trusts and Estates community were recognized in 2018 when she was awarded the Hoffstein Book Prize by the Ontario Bar Association.

She is a past chair of the Ontario Bar Association Trusts and Estates Law section executive, and past secretary of the Elder Law section executive. A volunteer of Pro Bono Students of Canada, Wills Project, since 2011, Jane has trained and supervised law students in the preparation of wills and powers of attorney for low income and marginalized Torontonians. She has acted as Chair of community legal clinic board of directors, a board member for a community housing project, a fundraising committee member for Casey House HIV/AIDS hospice and as a volunteer mentor for law students and newly-called lawyers.

When not at her desk, Jane can be found clambering around remote arctic regions with her camera gear in tow, pursuing her passion for landscape and wildlife photography.