



Sunny Chiu

Associate

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International Estates & Trusts
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Fraud & Asset Recovery

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Profile

With a deep understanding of relationship dynamics and a keen eye for detail, Sunny excels at anticipating the issues that impact the negotiation or the litigation of our clients' matters in estates and trusts, fraud and asset recovery. He is adept at assessing situations from all angles and develops strategies to address our clients' needs and, ultimately, protect their rights.

Sunny's role is to support clients by providing informed legal knowledge and pragmatic solutions in an efficient and forthcoming way. He is able to demystify the complexities of the law to help clients set realistic expectations and understand all of their options, giving them a greater sense of confidence and control over the outcomes they pursue.

Before embarking on his vocation in law, Sunny enjoyed a successful career in journalism and public relations. It was here that he fine-tuned his ability to find the story by developing excellent research skills, an analytical eye, and connecting with others to help them tell their stories. Sunny's ability to easily build rapport benefits our clients as he is quickly able to get to the heart of the issues, saving clients both time and money.

As a trilingual practitioner, Sunny can assist our clients in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin.

Estate & Trust Litigation

- > Represent parties in challenging or defending the validity of wills
- > Represent trustees or beneficiaries in claims relating to trusts
- > Represent executors or beneficiaries in accounting proceedings
- > Represent parties in pursuing or defending wills variation claims
- > Represent parties in committee applications
- > Represent parties in probate actions

General Litigation & Asset Recovery

- > Represent parties in asset tracing, freezing injunction and recovery
- > Represent parties in any contractual dispute and general litigation

Family Law

- > Cohabitation Agreements
- > Pre- and Post-Nuptial Agreements
- > Marriage Agreements
- > Separation Agreements
- > Divorce
- > Spousal Support
- > Child Support
- > Custody / Guardianship
- > Parenting Arrangements
- > Property Division

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Thompson Rivers University, Law Dean's Course Prize - Torts, 2016
- > Jack Webster Foundation Award for Best Reporting Finalist, 2012

Membership & Associations

- > Canadian Bar Association, member
- > Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (British Columbia), member
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member
- > Society of Translators and Interpreters of British Columbia, associate member
- > Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia, member

Community Involvement

- > Richmond Community Foundation, chair
- > Richmond Community Foundation, board member
- > Distinguished Citizens Society International Vancouver, legal guest speaker
- > Canadian Museum for Human Rights' Chinese Community National Fundraising Campaign, honorary communications and social media director
- > Richmond Community Foundation, vice chair (past)

- > Richmond Community Foundation, events committee chair (past)

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2019
- > Thompson Rivers University, Juris Doctor (JD), 2018
- > Simon Fraser University, Diploma in Interpretation and Translation, 2011
- > The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Bachelor of Arts in English, 2010

Additional Languages

- > Cantonese
- > Mandarin

External Presentations

- > Speaker, "Life Hall Legal Lectures on Family Law", The Distinguished Citizens Society International of Vancouver, June 2021

External Publications

- > Interviewee, "Alumni Success Story: Law School Memories Will Last a Lifetime", Faculty of Law Alumni Newsletter, Thompson Rivers University, January 2023