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Practice focus:
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Estate and trust administration

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Risa Awerbuck 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.

Publications

"**Who will manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated?**" Torkin Manes Focus Newsletter, Page 6, Spring 2009

Risa has spoken on various estate planning and estate administration matters for The Law Society of Upper Canada, financial institutions and professionals. Risa is also a co-author of The Practical Guide to Ontario Estate Administration.

Speaking/Teaching Engagements

"**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, November 2010

"**Estate Planning Adding Value to Your Client Relationships**," Advocis - Durham Chapter, September 2010

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"**Probate Planning & Use of Testamentary Trusts**," Strategies to Preserve Wealth and Leave a Legacy, Torkin Manes Trusts and Estates Planning seminar for the Investors Group, April 2010

"**Probate Planning & Use of Testamentary Trusts**," Strategies to Preserve Wealth and Leave a Legacy, Torkin Manes Trusts and Estates Planning Group, October 2009

"**The Will Review: Adding Value to Your Client Relationship**," for CIBC Trust, April 2009

Risa was an instructor for the Estate Section of the Bar Admission Course and for several years co-chaired the Estate Administration Course for law clerks presented at The Law Society of Upper Canada.

Professional Affiliations

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

Education

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 1988
- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 1986