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Extensive experience advising charities and not-for-profit organizations — Chair of the firm's Not-for-Profit & Charities Law Practice Group

Biography

Linda is the Chair of Torkin Manes' Not-for-Profit & Charities Group. She acts as external general counsel to numerous not-for-profit organizations, both charitable and non-charitable, and provides advice to local, provincial, national and international organizations covering a wide range of disciplines. Her clients include professional associations, self-regulated bodies and organizations in such fields as religion, health, education, social services, poverty, childcare, athletics and recreation. She advises organizations in the third sector on structuring and restructuring matters, corporate governance, by-law interpretation, director and member disputes, directors' and officers' liability, compliance issues, cross-border and international relationships and gifting, endowment and fundraising issues. She is a frequent speaker and writer on topics pertinent to the voluntary sector and is an active volunteer.

Industry Expertise

Non-Profit/Charitable, Legal Services, Corporate Leadership, Corporate Training, Fund-Raising, Philanthropy, Religious Institutions

Areas of Expertise

Not for Profits, Charities, Governance of Not for Profits and Charities, Directors' Duties of Not For Profits and Charities, Mergers of Not For Profit and Charities

Affiliations

Member, Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, Not-for-Profit Governance Committee, Member, Ontario's Business Law Advisory Council, Not-For-Profit Subcommittee, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, Vice-Chair, Canadian Bar Association, Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section Executive, Member, Ontario Bar Association, Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section Executive

Event Appearances

Effecting Fundamental Changes: Unification, Separation, and Dissolution of Charities and Not-For-Profit Corporations In Ontario

Ontario Bar Association, Charity and Not-for-Profit Law Program

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act: Lessons Learned

Law Society of Upper Canada, 6th Annual Business Law Summit

Setting the Record Straight – Recordkeeping Requirements of Charities
2015 National Charity Law Symposium

Corporate Procedures and Compliance with the Corporate Legislation
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto 4th Charity Law Seminar

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)
UJA Charity Law Seminar

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)
KPMG's Annual Seminar for Not-for-Profit Organizations

The ONCA is Coming into Force - What Now?
Ontario Bar Association's Institute 2014, The Latest Developments in Charity Law

Corporate Conundrums (including Continuance), panel discussion with Donald J. Bourgeois and David P. Stevens,
2013 National Charity Law Symposium

How to Run a Meeting
The 2013 OBA Institute, The Nuts and Bolts of Non-Share Capital Corporate Law

The Impact of the New Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and the Impending Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act
Torkin Manes and Stern Cohen Seminar, Current Issues of Interest to the Not-For-Profit Sector

How Will the New Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act Affect your Governance?
Torkin Manes and Base Consulting and Management Inc. Seminar

Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act - Ask a Lawyer
Policy to Practice - Ontario Nonprofit Network Conference 2012

Governance Issues: Best Practices and New Legislation
3rd Annual Charity Law Seminar for Jewish Communal Organizations

The Practical Impact of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 Ontario (ONCA)
Osgoode Professional Development, The Intensive Short Course on Legal and Risk Management for Charities and Not-for-Profit Organizations

Here Comes the CNCA: Are You Ready to Advise Your Clients?
2011 National Charity Law Symposium

The Perils and Pitfalls of Board Governance: What Happens When Governance Goes Wrong
Management Advisory Service Governance Forum: Connecting Boards, Staff and Volunteers

Probate Planning & Use of Testamentary Trusts / Strategies to Preserve Wealth & Leave a Legacy
Investors Group T.A.D. Education Session

Keeping Pace with the Responsibilities of Association Leadership: Governance in a Changing World

Base Consulting and Management Inc. and RBC Royal Bank Seminar

Strategies to Preserve Wealth and Leave a Legacy

Torkin Manes, Investment Advisors

Legal Issues Update for Charitable & Non-Profit Organizations

Long-Term Care and Retirement Communities Convention and Trade Show

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

LLB Law

McGill University

BA English Literature

Accomplishments

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