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REBECCA FISCH (PROGRAM CHAIR)

Rebecca Fisch is a sole practitioner who practices exclusively in the area of estate planning and administration. Rebecca's practice focuses on the drafting of wills, trusts and powers of attorney. She also advises estate trustees and executors on the administration of estates, including certificates of appointment and other related matters.

ELIZABETH BOZEK (PROGRAM CHAIR)

Elizabeth is Director of Estate Planning for BMO Private Wealth. She has her B.Sc (Hons) from the University of Toronto, LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School, and her TEP from the Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners. She is currently working towards to her LLM in Tax Law at Osgoode Hall Professional Development, and teaches the Wills & Estates course at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law at Toronto Metropolitan University.

ROBIN SPURR

Robin is Senior Estates Counsel at CIBC, where she supports all lines of business across Canada, including all retail and wealth groups, by providing advice on complex escalations from the branches related to estates, trusts, powers of attorney, capacity, and registered plans. Prior to her role at CIBC, Robin practiced for many years with one of Canada's leading estates and trusts boutiques where she focussed on estate litigation.

Robin served six consecutive terms on the OBA Trusts and Estates Section Executive. During her time on the Executive, Robin's contributions focussed primarily on statutory review, including providing meaningful feedback on proposed legislation and advocating for critical changes, and on planning effective and practical CPD programming. Robin has chaired and spoken at several programs, including the OBA's annual Institute and the Law Society of Ontario's annual Estates and Trust Summit.

When she is not reviewing the latest in trust law, Robin enjoys racing her sailboat and hopelessly trying to learn to paint.

KWENDE THOMAS

Kwende Thomas is Senior Counsel at TD Bank Group and practices in the areas of Estate, Trusts, Elder and Capacity law. He focuses extensively on the law of personal and court-appointed substitute decision making as well as supportive decision-making. His practice includes advising on planning for high net-worth estates, estate and trust administration and the preparation of wills, trusts and other estate planning documents.

Kwende is a Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) and is a member of the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners.