

# Karen Cooper



**Karen Cooper** practices charity and not-for-profit law with an emphasis on corporate and tax issues with Drache Aptowitzer LLP. After two years clerking at the Federal Court of Canada, Ms. Cooper was called to the Ontario Bar in 1995 and became counsel for the Department of Justice in tax litigation. She then went to Lang Michener to practice tax planning and litigation, commercial litigation, and general business law, before moving on to become a Senior Rulings Officer with the Income Tax Rulings Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency. Ms. Cooper has been recognized as a leading expert in charity and not-for-profit law by *Lexpert* and *The Best Lawyers in Canada*.

In addition to her considerable legal experience, Ms. Cooper also has extensive speaking and teaching experience, including presenting workshops for the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, as a sessional lecturer at Carleton University School of Business teaching Business Law, and a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Common Law teaching basic taxation and an advanced seminar (Introduction to the Law of Charities and Non-Profit Organizations). Ms. Cooper has also worked as a consultant providing advice to the Department of Justice, Environment Canada, and the former Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women with respect to tax policy issues and is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer on the Board of Directors of the Centre for Land Conservation and as Legal Counsel on the Board of Directors of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Canada, as well as a member of the Canadian Tax Foundation, Canadian Association of Gift Planners, Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, and on the Executive of the Charity and Not-for-Profit Law Sections of the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association. She also served as Chair of the Board of the Kemptville District Hospital and Big Brothers Big Sisters Ottawa. Ms. Cooper is a frequent author and speaker, as well as a contributing author to *The Management of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations in Canada* (LexisNexis Butterworths).

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