



## Mallory Arnott

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### *Biography*

Mallory practices primarily from our New Glasgow office with a focus on Family Law, Wills & Estate Planning, and Probate Administration, and has specialized knowledge in how these areas of law interact with Aboriginal Law. She prides herself on her ability to help clients navigate complex and emotional issues smoothly and efficiently, providing sound legal advice to empower her clients to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. She enjoys thinking outside the box, and finding creative solutions to fit each client's unique situation. Mallory is a certified Collaborative Family Lawyer, offering services to resolve conflict using cooperative strategies rather than adversarial techniques and litigation. This allows families to protect their privacy, and to preserve the ongoing relationship required for things like cooperative co-parenting between two households.

After receiving her J.D. from Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law in 2014, she articulated at a boutique litigation firm in downtown Toronto. After being called to the bar in Ontario in 2015, she was also called to the bar in Nova Scotia later that year. She considers herself very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to return home to Nova Scotia to develop her career.

Being an active member of the community is a role Mallory values and prioritizes. She is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Pictou County Barristers Society, and volunteers with the Nova Scotia Family Court's Parent Information Program. She also volunteers providing pro bono legal services for the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program. Over the years, Mallory has served as chair of the Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre, board member of the VON, and Partnership in Caring. She has also been an active volunteer with the refugee initiative group, Pictou County Safe Harbour, the Nova Scotia SPCA and a proud Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County.

### *Experience*

- Family Law - advising and assisting clients with separation agreements, divorce, marriage and cohabitation contracts, custody and parenting, child support, spousal support, and division of assets. Achieves positive outcomes for clients both in the courtroom through the traditional

### *Areas of Law*

Family and Divorce Law  
Estate Planning, Wills and  
Trusts  
Probate and Estate  
Administration  
Aboriginal Law

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litigation model, and outside of the courtroom using collaborative and negotiation based strategies

- Wills & Estate Planning - advising and assisting clients with planning for themselves and their loved ones through the preparation of wills, powers of attorney and personal health care directives
- Probate and Estate Administration - providing advice and guidance to clients with a high level of emotional sensitivity and professionalism, representing and advising executors and administrators in estate probate matters
- Aboriginal Law - Successfully participated in a pilot project through the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, providing Wills and Estate planning advice to Pictou Landing First Nation band members

### ***Associations and Memberships***

- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- Pictou County Barristers' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

### ***Community Involvement***

- Volunteer, Nova Scotia Family Court's Parent Information Program
- Previous Board Member, VON
- Previous Chair of the Board of the Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre
- Pro bono legal services for the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program

### ***Publications and Speaking Engagements***

- Host and speaker for numerous legal education seminars for community groups on Family Law issues, and Wills & Estate planning, including Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre, Stellarton campus of Nova Scotia Community College, Pictou County Chamber of Commerce, and Pictou Landing First Nation
- Presented a legal education seminar for the Canadian Barrister's Society Aboriginal Law section and Wills, Estates & Trusts section, on the topic of estate planning for Indigenous people living on reserve

### ***Education and Bar Admissions***

- Bar Admission: Nova Scotia, 2015
- Bar Admission: Ontario, 2015
- Juris Doctor (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, 2014)
- Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology (St. Francis Xavier University, 2008)