

Esmail Bharwani

Esmail Bharwani is a tax lawyer, trust and estate practitioner and associate counsel in the Calgary office of Miller Thomson. Esmail practices in the areas of tax planning, tax compliance, including voluntary disclosures, wills, estates and trusts, charities and not-for-profit, corporate and commercial planning and transactions, and reorganization of privately-held corporations.

He spends extensive amount of time assisting clients with designing structures for asset protection, business succession planning, estate planning for business owners and high net worth individuals, and uses his knowledge and experience in resolving disputes with auditors, appeals and special investigation branch, and filing voluntary disclosure submissions with Canada Revenue Agency. In addition to being a lawyer, Esmail has also been a Certified General Accountant, tax, trusts and estates practitioner and educator in Canadian taxation laws and practice, entrepreneurship creation, development and growth strategies for more than 33 years.

Esmail has a successful track record settling many income tax and GST related disputes with the Canada Revenue Agency since 1976. Esmail started making submissions under the CRA's Voluntary Disclosure Program in 1990. As a former member of the Board of Management of Canada Revenue Agency for 6.5 years and a member of the Appeals Advisory Committee and a columnist with various publications, Esmail understands concerns of taxpayers and the inner workings of the Canada Revenue Agency which contributes to his ability to harmoniously conduct business dealings with his clients and CRA.

His dealings with business owners assists him in understanding and developing tax saving and deferral strategies for individuals and business owners, designing estates plans for high net-worth individuals with complex situations, planning for small business owners with complex family dynamics, will planning with tax saving strategies including designing testamentary trusts for maximum tax benefits, assisting clients with estate administration and acting as executor and trustee for estates and trusts. He assists clients mediating in business disputes, training other accountants and university students on various tax, financial and business topics. Esmail is a frequent speaker at seminars.

Esmail has instructed at the University of Calgary's Continuing Education Faculty for over two decades, a tutor on taxation for the Athabasca University, an instructor at various educational programs offered by Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta and British Columbia.

Esmail is a volunteer on boards and committees. He has published over 600 articles to a number of publications including Calgary Real Estate News, the Financial Post, CGA Magazine, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Red Deer Advocate, Ontario Medicine, Physicians Management Manual, Food in Canada, Bake, Drug Merchandising and Vancouver Sun