

# RAYSON & ASSOCIATES, FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONERS

Resolving your family-law matter professionally, productively, and peacefully is the goal of this Toronto-based law firm.

Divorce can be psychologically and financially damaging to both parties as well as their children. It can lead to bitter acrimony, sky-high legal costs, and a long, drawn-out battle. It can destroy family businesses and devastate financial futures. But not all divorces are alike, nor are all divorce lawyers. It's your choice. It's your divorce. How do you want to proceed?

At Toronto's Rayson & Associates, Family Law Practitioners, clients have options when it comes to achieving a fair, equitable divorce. The firm's four highly qualified lawyers will help you find the one that's right for you and your situation.

Rayson & Associates concentrate exclusively on family law, dealing with matters ranging from complex property disputes to cases involving custody and access to children, support, mediation, and divorce. The lawyers believe that divorce is about more than just the law: it's about people and how you deal with them. In most cases, clients experience a less adversarial approach, regardless of the nature or size of their family-law matter.

The lawyers offer clients varied backgrounds and skill sets and clients are carefully matched with the lawyer that best suits their needs. All four possess strong business acumen and an intimate understanding of the

financial side of divorce. Rayson & Associates frequently work with large businesses, where divorce can be a particularly disruptive force. Whenever possible, they strive to minimize the financial and personal damage divorce can cause, offering clients confidential, less adversarial alternatives to the courtroom model.

The lawyers often turn to arbitration in financial cases because it is less invasive and more cost-effective than litigation. Mediation is another alternative to litigation that can be cost-effective and less damaging to the parties concerned than litigation. When these other options have been exhausted, however, the firm does not hesitate to turn to litigation to strongly defend their client's position.

Rayson & Associates understand the heightened emotions involved with divorce. At the same time, they counsel their clients to set their feelings aside, so they can concentrate on the legal and financial aspects of their divorce case. They promote moderation because they know that the decisions their clients make today will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Less adversarial, more cost-effective: when it comes time to choose your legal representation, call Rayson & Associates, Family Law Practitioners.

## LAWYERS' PROFILES



**Evelyn Kohn Rayson**, founder Rayson & Associates, was called to the bar in 1988. She received her law degree from Osgoode Hall and holds a Certificate of Professional Achievement in Family and Divorce Mediation Training from DePaul University in Chicago. She has practiced solely in the area of Family Law since 1991, appearing in the Ontario Court (General Division), Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal.



**Diana L. Solomon** is an associate at Rayson & Associates. Diana obtained her B.A. from McGill University in 1993, and obtained her LL.B. from Queen's University in 1997. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1999 after articling in a downtown law firm in their advocacy intensive program. Diana has practiced exclusively in the area of family law since her call to the Bar. She has written for Matrimonial Affairs, and co-wrote a paper presented at a CLE session to members of the family law Bar.



**Amy Dixon** is an associate at Rayson & Associates. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Political Science from McMaster University (2001) and her LL.B. at The University of Western Ontario (2004), called to the Ontario Bar in 2005. After articling and practicing in civil and commercial litigation, Amy now focuses on family law. She is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association, the Canadian Bar Association, the Women in Law Association of Ontario, and the Lawyers Club.



**Karen Ballantyne** is an associate with Rayson & Associates. Karen received her LLB from Osgoode Hall in 2002. After articling at a downtown law firm, where she received experience in tax law, corporate law, and civil litigation, Karen decided to focus on family law. Karen is a member of the Canadian Bar Association. She was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2003.



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