



Kendelle Pollitt

Candidate for Bencher, District 4

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CANDIDATE FOR BENCHER, DISTRICT 4

Kendelle is the founder and managing lawyer of **Pier Law & Mediation**, a rapidly growing family-law firm headquartered in White Rock. Since launching Pier Law in 2019, Kendelle has built a client-centered firm focused on complex and high-net-worth family matters. Under her leadership, Pier Law earned national recognition in *The Globe and Mail's* editorial ranking of Canada's Top Growing Companies (2024 & 2025) and **Kendelle was just named Business Person of the Year by the Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade.**

Kendelle has served in various capacities/positions across multiple professional associations: including, numerous bar associations, **CBABC, TLABC, Access ProBono**, and in her community. She has presented at and chaired multiple courses through **CLEBC**, and in the US. An active writer, Kendelle has published practical pieces for lawyers in outlets such as **The Advocate, Law360, and The Verdict.**

In 2021, Kendelle founded **Let's Talk Resilience**, a social and educational forum to foster mental wellness in young lawyers. Her firm delivers **free community legal education seminars, funds scholarships for law students and local high-school graduates** and she has heavily invested in the communities Pier Law serves, through donations and sponsorships totalling +\$160,000 since opening in 2019.



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REPORT ON BUSINESS
CANADA'S TOP GROWING
COMPANIES



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Founder and managing lawyer, **Pier Law & Mediation**.
- **2025 Business Person of the Year**, Business Excellence Awards, Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade.
- 2025 Finalist, Women in Business Award; Surrey Board of Trade.
- 2024, 2025 Pier Law & Mediation named one **Canada's Top Growing Companies** by *The Globe and Mail's* Report on Business magazine, 2024 & 2025.
- 2025 Pier Law & Mediation voted a **Top 3 Law Firm**, *Peace Arch News*
- Created **Let's Talk Resilience** mental wellness forum; actively mentors young lawyers.
- Featured in *Womanition magazine*, Scotiabank's Women's Initiative: Masterclass Series, and news outlets.
- Bronze Winner, **Best Website & Digital Marketing**, The Golden Awards.

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS

- 2025–Current **Flourishing Law Centre**, Law Firm Management Coaching.
- 2025 **Soroptimist International**, White Rock & South Surrey Chapter, Women's International Day Committee Member.
- 2022, 2025 The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLEBC), Volunteer.
 - Course Cochair: Small Firm Success (September 2025).
 - Course Presenter: Litigation Foundations: Perspective of a Litigated Case (March 2025).
 - Course Chair: Going Solo or Starting a Small Firm (May 2022).
- 2024–Present **Trial Lawyers Association of BC (TLABC)** Public Affairs Committee (PAC) Contributor.
- 2024–Present Soroptimist International, White Rock & South Surrey Chapter, Member.
- 2023–Present **Trial Lawyers Association of BC (TLABC)**, Member.
- 2021–Present Great Legal Marketing, Law Firm Management Coaching and Mastermind Group (Washington DC).
- 2021–2024 **Canadian Bar Association**, Women's Lawyers Forum, Women's Mentorship Program, Mentor.
- 2018, 2019 **ADR Institute of BC** Symposium Organizing Committee.
- 2017–Current New Westminster Bar Association, Member.
- 2017–2023 ADR Institute of BC (and **ADR Institute of Canada**), Member.
- 2017 Certificate in Negotiation, **Osgoode Hall Law School (York University)**.
- 2016 **Accredited Family Law Mediator**, Law Society of British Columbia (2016) with over 200 hours of advanced family mediation training, including high-conflict resolution.
- 2015–Current **Access ProBono**, Participant in Advice-a-thon at Surrey Center, 2018; Mediation roster member: 2019–2021; Participant Lawyer Referral Service.
- 2015–2020 **Surrey Bar Association**, Member.
- 2014–2017 **Soroptimist International**, Langley Chapter, Executive Committee Member.
- 2011–2017 Soroptimist International, Langley Chapter, Member.
- 2007–2009 Member and Secretary, **Fraser Valley Bar Association**.
- 2006–Present **Law Society of British Columbia**, Member.
- 2006–Present (with interruptions) Canadian Bar Association, Member.
- Family and Youth Services Society (now **Encompass Support Services Society**), Director-at-large: 2006–2008, 2011; and Chairperson of the Board: 2008–2010.

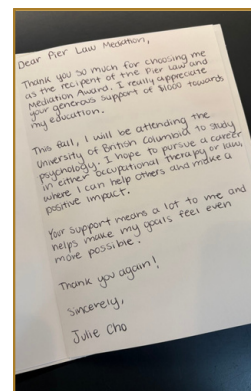
COMMUNITY IMPACT

2022–Present Recurring Surrey High School

Scholarships: Pier Law & Mediation Surrey High School Scholarship, \$1500, awarded to Graduates of various Surrey high schools.

2025 (Recurring) Thompson Rivers Law School

Scholarships: Inaugural Pier Law & Mediation Scholarship, \$2500, Thompson Rivers University, Faculty of Law, multi-year commitment.



Grandview Heights recipient Julie Cho.

Let's Talk Resilience

Let's Talk Resilience **brings together junior members of the Lower Mainland family law bar to discuss mental health, resilience, and wellbeing** with local experts and senior members of the bar. Building on this industry-wide leadership, Kendelle has launched a firm-wide mental health and wellness program, helping lawyers and staff manage stress, and thrive in a demanding legal environment.



Municipal Memberships

Pier Law has active memberships with the Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce, Delta Chamber of Commerce, Whistler Chamber of Commerce, Powell River Chamber of Commerce, and the Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce.

DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS:

- 2025 **\$10,000.00 donation to White Rock Farmers' Market**, Title Sponsor.
- 2024–Current Monthly Donor, Public Affairs Committee (PAC), **Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia (TLABC)**, This enables TLABC to uphold its mission to support and fight for the rights of individuals in BC through legal advocacy and public affairs),
- 2021–Current Multi-Year Donor, Participant, **Coldest Night of the Year**, fundraiser to support homelessness, Sources Community Resources Society.
- 2019–2025 Multi-Year Donor, and Volunteer, **Semiahmoo Ravens Minor Hockey Association**, Donations (outside of sponsorships listed below) of varying amounts (a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars) to multiple teams for numerous purposes, including support at tournaments, jersey purchase contributions, player development, etc. plus 100+ hours of volunteer work.
- 2022–2024 Multi-Year Donor, **Encompass Support Services Society**, 2022–2024, varying amounts inclusive of \$4000 in 2023 and \$10,000 in 2024.
- 2024–Present Donor, **Brella Community Services Society**.

Recent Community Sponsorships

- 2025 Presenting Sponsor of the 2025 What's Next? Exploring Life's Next Chapter event, Brella Community Services Society.
- 2025 Gold Sponsor **TLABC 20th Annual Women Lawyers Retreat**.
- 2025 **Powell River Minor Hockey Association** (PRMHA) U13A Level 1 Sponsor.
- 2025, 2024 **White Rock Pride Week Silver Sponsor**, and previous years.
- 2025 Chamber Cup (Rotary and Powell River Chamber of Commerce).
- 2025 **Thichum Cup, Team Sponsor**, Thichum Forestry and Tla'amin Nation.
- 2024 Sponsor, 2025 Title Sponsor, **White Rock Farmers Market**.
- 2024 Silver Sponsor, U13 Semiahmoo Ravens A1 Hockey Team attendance at the prestigious Quebec International PeeWee Hockey Tournament (the team placed second!), **Semiahmoo Ravens Minor Hockey Association**.
- 2023, 2024 Title Sponsor, **White Rock Bright Lights**, Community Festival.
- 2023 Title Sponsor, **Eggcellent Easter** Community Festival, White Rock Business Improvement Association, April 2023.
- 2023 March Madness Gold Sponsor, U9 Tournament, Semiahmoo Ravens Minor Hockey Association (SRMHA).
- 2022-2026 Rink Board Sponsor, Semiahmoo Ravens Minor Hockey Association (SRMHA).
- 2022 Silver Sponsor, U13 Semiahmoo Ravens A1 Hockey Team attendance at the prestigious **Quebec International PeeWee Hockey Tournament** (the team placed second!), Semiahmoo Ravens Minor Hockey Association.
- 2021-2026 **Community Partner**, Semiahmoo Ravens Minor Hockey Association (SRMHA).

Miscellaneous Contributions

Various modest sponsorships and contributions to other community organizations.



**2025 Thichum Cup
Tla'amin Nation**



**2025 Delta Chamber of Commerce
Member Mixer**



**2025 Powell River Chamber and
Rotary Golf Tournament**



**2025 Gold Sponsor, TLABC
20th Annual Women's
Leadership Retreat**



**2024 U13 Semiahmoo
Ravens A1 attendance at
Quebec International
PeeWee Tournament**



**2025 Title Sponsor
White Rock Farmers'
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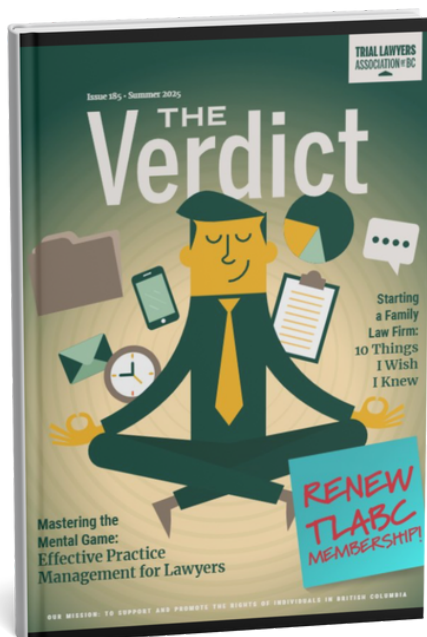


**Multi-Year Donor
Coldest Night
of the Year**

\$160,000.00 total donated into the communities Pier Law & Mediation serves, +\$25,000.00/year!

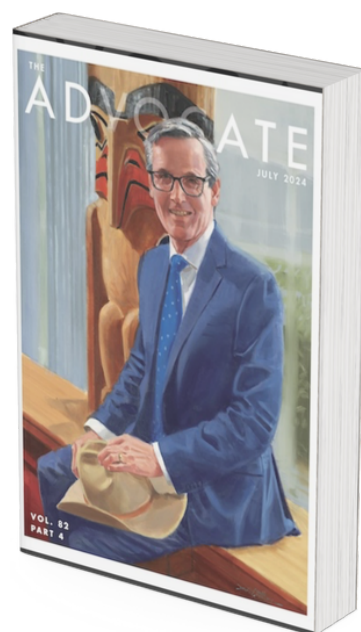
PUBLISHED WORKS, ARTICLES & FEATURES

- Coauthor of ***Evidence and Admissibility: A Brief Overview***; Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLEBC), December 8, 2006.
- ***Should the Employment Standards Act Apply to Articling Students***; ***Law360 Canada*** (formerly ***The Lawyer's Daily***), December 7, 2020.
- ***Increases in Divorce Strain Family Bar***; ***Law360 Canada***, April 26, 2021.
- ***Court-Ordered Sale of a Property in BC Family Law Disputes: Is the Sale is "Necessary or Expedient"***; ***Law360 Canada***, August 4, 2021.
- ***High Conflict Disputes and Divorce Mediation***; ***Law360 Canada***, January 11, 2024.
- ***Brazinski v. Brazinski: Lessons to the Family Law Bar About Access to Justice***; ***The Advocate***, Volume 82, Part 4, July 2024.
- ***Starting a Family Law Firm: 10 Things I Wish I Knew***; ***The Verdict***, Issue 185, Summer 2025.



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News Stories	Media Outlet	Date
Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade announce 2025 Business Excellence Award Winners	Darpan Magazine	Nov 7, 2025
Lawyer wins Business Person of Year award in Surrey/White Rock	Cloverdale Reporter	Nov 6, 2025
Strike moves Surrey & White Rock Business Excellence Awards to new venue	Surrey Now-Leader	Oct 30, 2025
Celebrate the best in Surrey and White Rock businesses at this award show	CBC	Oct 28, 2025
Ranking Canada's Top Growing Companies of 2025	The Globe and Mail	Sep 26, 2025
24 finalists for Business Excellence Awards Surrey/White Rock	Surrey Now-Leader	Sep 25, 2025
Fast-growing firm opens office with local lawyer at helm	The Peak	Jun 25, 2025
2025 SBOT Finalists Announced: Kendelle Pollitt Names Finalist in Women in Business Awards	Business in Surrey	Feb 11, 2025
	Surrey Now Leader	Feb 11, 2025
	Cloverdale Reporter	Feb 11, 2025
	North Delta Reporter	Feb 11, 2025
Scotiabank Women's Initiative: Kendelle's Masterclass	Scotiabank	Apr 28, 2025
	Apple Podcasts	Apr 17, 2025
Canadian Insights: Kendelle Pollitt on Articling, Law, and Family Mediation	Law Firm GC (YouTube)	Nov 19, 2024
	Spotify	Nov 19, 2024
	IMDB	Nov 19, 2024
	Law Firm GC	Nov 19, 2024
	Podcast Republic	Nov 19, 2024
	Captivate FM	Nov 19, 2024
Understanding Articling: A Key Step in Canadian Legal Careers	Law Firm GC on YouTube	Nov 27, 2024
The Power of Consistency in Marketing	Law Firm GC on YouTube	Nov 28, 2024
The Power of Mastermind Groups	Law Firm GC on YouTube	Nov 28, 2024
Ranking Canada's Top Growing Companies of 2024	The Globe and Mail	Sep 27, 2024
Scotiabank Women's Initiative: Defend Your Dream	Womanition Magazine	Jul 2, 2024
Rick O' Connor addresses virtual AGM of South Surrey-White Rock Chamber of Commerce	Peace Arch News	Jun 29, 2020
Women, The Articling Term, And Sexual Harassment: A Critical Analysis of Protective Legislation, Codes of Conduct, and Regulatory Bodies	2023 CanLII Docs 1169: Dalhousie Journal of Legal Studies	Aug 8, 2023
The Golden Awards for Best Website & Digital Marketing	Attorney at Law Magazine	Dec 4, 2024
Sunday afternoon tradition a White Rock classic	Cloverdale Reporter	May 7, 2024

KENDELLE'S ELECTION STATEMENT

I have practiced in BC for almost 20 years—as a family lawyer and most recently, as founder of a small growing firm. I've lived both sides of our work: advocacy under pressure and the day-to-day demands of running a firm. That perspective will guide me as Benchers: keep the public interest at the center by fostering a profession that is fair and workable for the lawyers who serve that public.

WHAT I BELIEVE

Discipline: educate first, be proportionate.

Early guidance, transparent timelines, and responses to true misconduct protect the public while treating lawyers fairly—especially in high-conflict practice areas where complaint exposure is acute. Addressing vexatious or frivolous complaints is part of that fairness.

Confidence in trust accounting through clarity.

Trust rules must be updated to reflect practical realities and modern technology. Stringent, outdated processes disproportionately burden small and mid-sized firms, where administrative capacity is limited. Modernized expectations let lawyers meet high standards without needless cost or guesswork.

Inclusion, mentorship, and well-being are professional standards.

When more lawyers—particularly women and other underrepresented colleagues—see a path to leadership, and when mentorship and resiliency are reinforced, competence and civility rise across the bar. That benefits clients and the public—and it makes good lawyering possible.

Independent, accountable governance matters.

The regulatory landscape is changing and before the courts. Whatever the outcome, I believe elected lawyers should remain the profession's majority voice within any model.

WHAT I BRING

Practical judgment.

Experience at the file and firm levels helps me separate genuine risk from administrative noise—and focus on rules that work in lean, busy practices.

Calm, candid leadership.

I listen, analyze, and act.

A builder's mindset.

I mentor, recruit, balance budgets, and design systems; I know how regulation lands in real life and how to make it better.

WHY IT MATTERS—FOR ALL OF US

When regulation is principled, practical, and fair, lawyers meet high standards with less friction, good work gets easier to deliver, and the public's confidence in our profession grows. That's the culture I'll work for as Benchers—steadily, collaboratively, and with fairness at the center.