

BOYES TIEFENBACH BANNISTER FAMILY LAW COUNSEL LLP RECOGNIZED IN CANADIAN LAWYER'S TOP FAMILY LAW TEAMS 2026

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CALGARY, ALBERTA — Boyes Tiefenbach Bannister Family Law Counsel LLP, a Calgary-based family law firm, has been recognized in Canadian Lawyer's Top Family Law Teams 2026 report, named in the 2–6 lawyer category. The recognition highlights the firm's client-centred approach to mediation preparation, its firm-wide communication standards, and its focus on resolving family law matters outside of court wherever possible.

About the Canadian Lawyer Top Family Law Teams 2026 Report

Canadian Lawyer's Top Family Law Teams 2026 report recognizes 20 firms across Canada for excellence in family law practice, marking the publication's inaugural edition of the list. The report profiles firms that build their practices around client needs and prioritize resolution outside the courtroom, at a time when Canada's family court system is under significant strain. The report is proudly sponsored by DivorceMate.

Methodology

Canadian Lawyer opened nominations in late 2025, inviting readers, legal associations, and editorial contributors to put forward family law firm teams for consideration. Nominated teams were assessed against four criteria: legal service delivery, innovation, community service, and the use of technology. An internal editorial team reviewed all submissions and compiled a shortlist of finalists, which was then assessed by an independent judging panel of six senior family law practitioners from across Canada, who voted to determine the final list of 20 winning teams.

Boyes Tiefenbach Bannister's Recognition

Partners Tara G. Tiefenbach and Traci L. Bannister were recognized for building a practice that extends support well beyond the courtroom, drawing in outside professionals such as financial advisors, business valuers, and mental health specialists to support clients through their matters. The firm was also noted for its rigorous approach to preparing clients for mediation, including a tool Bannister developed to help clients anticipate and manage emotionally charged moments during high-conflict negotiations, as well as a firm-wide commitment to ensuring that client communications are never left unanswered.

About Boyes Tiefenbach Bannister Family Law Counsel LLP

Boyes Tiefenbach Bannister Family Law Counsel LLP was established in 2015 by Judy Boyes, KC, and Tara Tiefenbach, with a shared goal of providing high-quality, client-focused legal advice. The firm's founding goals were strengthened in 2021 when Traci Bannister joined the partnership.

The firm has built its reputation on strong client relationships, a clear understanding of each client's unique concerns, and a commitment to effective, fair, and constructive advice, including creative solutions tailored to each family's circumstances. Judy, Tara, and Traci have each repeatedly earned Best Lawyers in Canada designations, and the firm was recognized as a Tier 1 Family Law Firm in 2026.

The firm's lawyers continue their legal education and training across multiple disciplines, including court practice, alternative dispute resolution, mediation and arbitration, and interdisciplinary programs, equipping the team to help clients resolve disputes and move their families forward constructively.

Beyond daily practice, each member of the team contributes to the advancement of family law through significant volunteer involvement in legal education, court program officer roles, and service on professional boards. The firm believes strongly in contributing to the growth of family law practice and to the experiences of families navigating the legal system, viewing it as one of the most important areas of law in society.