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PRIMARY PRACTICES

Trusts & Estates

Estate Planning

Asset Protection Planning

Estate Settlement

Fiduciary Services & Trust Administration
Insurance Planning

Retirement Planning

Taxation & Tax Controversy – Trusts & Estates

With a practical, client-focused approach, Brittany Payne helps individuals and families navigate estate planning, probate administration, and trust administration with clarity and confidence. Brittany provides education and strategic guidance related to estate planning, trust structures, wealth transfer objectives, and the practical administration of estate plans.

As a trusts and estates attorney, Brittany's experience includes advising clients and collaborating with their advisors on estate planning strategies tailored to family dynamics, wealth preservation goals, transfer objectives, and tax considerations. Her work includes drafting and reviewing revocable and irrevocable trusts, wills, durable financial powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney, and living will declarations, and counseling clients on asset titling and beneficiary designations to align with broader estate plan goals. Brittany also has experience in probate and trust administration. She has managed estate and trust administrations from initial client intake through final distribution and closure and enjoys counseling fiduciaries on duties and obligations throughout the process.

Brittany also assists in the preparation and review of fiduciary income tax returns for estates and trusts, federal gift tax returns, and federal estate and generation-skipping transfer tax returns.

Prior to becoming licensed as an attorney, Brittany was a paralegal supporting probate matters primarily related to personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death across all 88 counties in Ohio.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Ohio, 2019

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, J.D., 2019
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Community Advocacy Law Clinic
- Bryant & Stratton College, B.S. Criminal Justice, 2012
- *Summa Cum Laude*

AWARDS & HONORS

- Rising Stars, Ohio Super Lawyers, Estate Planning and Probate, 2024-2026
- Ones to Watch, Best Lawyers in America, Trusts and Estates, 2026
- FDCC Ladder Down Cleveland, Class of 2022

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Basics of Estate Administration (Ohio State Bar Association), July 14, 2024.
- Judson Senior Series (Judson Senior Living), October 12, 2023.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Estate Planning Council of Cleveland, 2019 – present

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 2019 – present
- Ohio State Bar Association, 2019 – present
- Lake County Bar Association, 2019 – present

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Associate, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2026 – present
- Director, Trust and Estate, Charles Schwab, 2026
- Associate, Schneider Bell, 2019 – 2026
- Probate Paralegal and Bilingual Intake Coordinator, Elk & Elk, 2013 – 2019

PERSONAL

Brittany lives in Lake County with her husband and son. She enjoys walking in the local parks and spending time with friends and family.