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As a partner in Hahn Loeser's Business Practice Area, Dana Marie DeCapite dedicates her practice to estate planning, business succession planning, asset protection planning, prenuptial planning, and estate and trust administration. Dana collaborates with individuals, families and businesses to recommend and draft custom-tailored plans that implement each client's personal, financial and charitable goals. Dana has extensive experience drafting and interpreting documents ranging from basic estate plans to asset protection and special needs plans. She counsels individuals and fiduciaries on the duties and obligations of trustees, executors and attorneys-in-fact, and assists in the process of entity creation, restructure and transition.

Dana is frequently called upon by various publications and organizations to share her insight into the importance of estate planning. She regularly speaks at continuing legal education seminars and local civic groups to educate other attorneys and the community on estate planning best practices.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Drafting for Trust Beneficiaries with Diminished Capacity," American Cancer Society Professional Advisor Event, September 2019.
- Author, "Drafting for Trust Beneficiaries with Diminished Capacity," Probate Law Journal of Ohio, March/April 2019.
- Speaker, "Drafting for Trust Beneficiaries with Diminished Capacity," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 45th Annual Estate Planning Institute, October 2018.
- Author, "Unwinding the Plan: Modifying and Terminating Irrevocable Trusts," Crain's Cleveland, November 2017.
- Author, "Frequently Evaluating Estate Plans Could Save Trouble," Cleveland Jewish News, September 2017.
- Author, "Estate Planning in a Global Environment," Crain's Cleveland, November 2016.
- Quoted, "Skilled Professionals Needed to Navigate Estate Maze," Cleveland Jewish News, September 2016.
- Author, "Planning for Oil and Gas Rights," Crain's Cleveland, November 2015.
- Author, "Is AB Trust Planning a Notion of the Past?," Crain's Cleveland, November 2014.
- Speaker, "Hot Topics in Charitable Estate Planning," The Greater Cleveland Food Bank, November 2014.
- Speaker, "Estate Planning for the Disabled," National Business Institute Seminar, June 2014.
- Author, "Estate Planning Advice," Elite Women Around the World, Willoughby Senior Center, Gates Mills Community Club, 2013.
- Speaker, "Estate Planning: My Legal Bucket List," Senior Citizen Resources, Inc., Geneva Shores Nursing Home, Gateway Retirement Community, 2013.

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- Author, "Last Will and Testament or a Trust?," MetroHealth and St. Luke's Foundation, November 2013.
- Speaker, "Estate Planning from A to Z," National Business Institute Seminar, October 2013.
- Speaker, "Oddities and Challenges of Trusts," National Business Institute Seminar, November 2012.
- Speaker, "Nuts and Bolts of Guardianship," Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens Major Donors Seminar, 2011.

Professional History

- Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2018-present.
- Associate Attorney, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, 2014-18.
- Associate Attorney, Maria E. Quinn, Co., LPA, 2010-14; Legal Intern, 2010.
- Law Clerk, Salvato & O'Toole (f/k/a Navigato & Salvato), 2008-10.

Admissions

- State of Ohio, 2010; State of Florida, 2012.
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Ohio, 2011; Southern District of Ohio, 2012.

Education

- The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2010.
  - Honors & Activities: Dean's List; Tort Law Teaching Assistant; Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Fraternity, Member.
- Miami University, B.S., Business, 2006.
  - Honors & Activities: Study Abroad– London, England; Study Abroad – Lorenzo de'Medici Institute of Art, Language, and Culture – Florence, Italy.

Memberships & Affiliations

- Ohio State Bar Association, Member.
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Member.
- Estate Planning Council of Cleveland, President.
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Planned Giving Advisory Committee.
- Case Western Reserve University, Estate Planning Advisory Council.

Awards & Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Trusts and Estates, 2020-22.
- *Rising Star, Ohio Super Lawyers®*, Estate & Probate, 2020.

Community Involvement

- Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise.
- Rotary District 6630, Youth Protection Committee.
- Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Advancement Committee Member.