



Amanda G. Erlandson

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OVERVIEW

Amanda Erlandson is an associate in the Estate Planning and Trusts & Estates practice. Her practice focuses on working with clients to create or administer estate plans and trusts.

On the estate planning side, Amanda assists clients with structuring efficient estate plans to meet the clients' personal and family goals. As part of tailoring each estate plan to meet each client's unique circumstances, Amanda takes into account both tax and non-tax aspects of estate planning, including distinctive family circumstances, estate, gift, generation-skipping transfer and income tax planning, charitable gift planning, and incapacity planning. Where applicable, Amanda works in conjunction with the client's other advisors to formulate holistic estate plans.

On the estate and trust administration side, a significant portion of Amanda's practice consists of counseling fiduciaries on trust and estate administration, including on the administration of charitable trusts. She assists both corporate and individual executors, trustees, and other fiduciaries in administration of family estate plans and provides the level of guidance and advice required by each fiduciary, from guidance through the process of the administration to advice regarding complex generation-skipping transfer tax issues. She also has experience representing fiduciaries in the resolution of disputes in the trust and estate context, from assisting with amicable resolutions between the fiduciary and beneficiaries, to litigation in Orphans' Court.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Amanda was a summer associate in the firm's Pittsburgh office in 2015. In addition, she was a summer associate in 2014 and 2015 at an international law firm, and she was a paralegal from 2010 to 2013 in its Shanghai office.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Trusts and Estates (2021-2024)

- Amanda is a graduate of the Mid-Atlantic Fellows Institute, a six-session educational program created by the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and designed to develop future leaders of the trust and estate practice.
- During law school, Amanda served on the Editorial Board of the *Virginia Tax Review*. She also participated in a variety of pro bono projects and earned a University of Virginia School of Law Pro Bono Challenge Certificate of Completion.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's 1L Success in Law School Mentoring Program, Mentor, 2021-2022
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Probate and Trust Law Section
- United Way Bridges Society, Member (2022-present)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Co-presenter, "The Other Wealth Transfer Tax: A Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Primer for Trusts and Estates Professionals," Allegheny County Bar Association Probate and Trust Law Section CLE, March 2024
- Co-presenter, "Split Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements - The Story of an Employee Benefit," K&L Gates LLP Associate Presentation Series, April 2019
- Co-presenter, "Trusts in the United States, 美国信托," The Chinese Trading and Investment Association, June 2017

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2016
- B.A., Middlebury College, 2010 (*summa cum laude*; *Phi Beta Kappa*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Florida
- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 16 January 2024, 2024 Tax and Estate Planning Opportunities
- 4 January 2018, Changes to Federal Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Laws

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Estate Planning and Trusts & Estates
- Nonprofit Organizations