

WILLS, TRUSTS, & ESTATES

Protecting and maintaining the financial security of your family is our goal. Our attorneys have extensive experience in estate planning and the administration of estates and trusts. Our skilled and knowledgeable attorneys design a customized estate plan to fit your particular financial and familial situation including young families at the start of their journey, blended families, business owners and professionals. Gross McGinley clients appreciate our sensitivity to family and personal issues in this area of the law.

ESTATE PLANNING

Our Wills, Trusts, and Estates Group prepares and advises clients on simple and complex estate plans which may include:

- Drafting Customized Estate Plans
- Wills
- Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and Advanced Health Care Directives
- Tax Planning
- Family business transfers
- Trusts
- Special and Supplemental Needs Trusts

Our attorneys work in tandem with our Business Law Group to develop specific estate plans for business owners. We focus on developing asset and tax plans for business succession or sale upon the owner's death or retirement.

ESTATE & TRUST ADMINISTRATION

Our estate administration services include the probate of a decedent's will or having an Administrator appointed in the absence of a will, identification and gathering of assets, preparation of estate fiduciary income tax returns, distribution of assets, and obtaining discharge of the fiduciary. We offer trusted advisement in the legal issues associated with creation, operation, and termination of a trust. Even at this stage, clients turn to our practiced attorneys for counsel on reducing taxes and preserving wealth to ensure the grantor's intentions are preserved while serving the needs of the beneficiaries.

ORPHAN'S COURT LITIGATION

In Pennsylvania, the court that handles matters dealing with estates, trusts, guardians and fiduciaries is called the Orphan's Court. If a dispute arises regarding the administration of assets, our Litigation Group assists in contested and complex trust and estate matters. We defend executors and trustees who are challenged in the execution of their fiduciary duties and represent clients in legal actions such as third party creditor claims, before the Internal Revenue Service and Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

Our Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorneys

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Our litigation team has aided in claims against fiduciaries, will and trust contests, guardianship disputes, and incapacity hearings. Services include:

- Claims Against Fiduciaries
- Will and Trust Contests
- Guardianship Disputes
- Incapacity hearings
- Dispute Resolution

ELDER LAW

Gross McGinley attorneys are sensitive to families who are confronting the stresses of confusing public benefits for aging, ill, or disabled family members. Our attorneys provide guidance through the complexities of Medicaid planning, asset protection, review of Long Term Care Insurance, nursing home contracts, and nursing home negligence and injuries to residents. Two of our attorneys are accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs to handle claims for veterans' benefits before the Board of Veterans Appeals.