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PRACTICE AREAS

- Trusts & Estates

EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*)
- Franciscan University (B.A., Humanities & Philosophy, *summa cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Florida

OVERVIEW

As an associate in the Trusts and Estates Practice group, I assist individuals, families, and business owners in creating and administering their estate plans. I work closely with other Buckingham team members to prepare trusts, wills, powers of attorney, and other related documents to achieve our clients' objectives. I also work closely with executors and trustees to effectively administer decedents' estates and trusts. With my background in tax law, I add value in identifying and resolving difficult tax issues associated with trust creation and administration, as well as business succession planning. My business law training allows me to assist other Buckingham attorneys and clients in business transactional and nonprofit matters.

AWARDS & HONORS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* (2026-2027)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in Civil Procedure Federal Jurisdiction, Civil Procedure Federal Litigation, Individual Income Taxation, and Advanced Business Associations
- Christopher Dawson Departmental Award for the Humanities, Franciscan University
- Fr. Sean Sullivan Departmental Award for Philosophy, Franciscan University

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Akron Community Foundation
  - Professional Advisor Council, Member
  - Young Professional Advisor Council, Member
- The University of Akron Foundation, Member, Board of Directors
  - Gift and Estate Planning Committee
- Akron Tax & Estate Planning Council, Secretary
- Lawyers' Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Past Affiliations

- Main Street Medina (2019-2024)



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EXPERIENCE

- Small Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Clinic at the University of Akron School of Law (2023)

MEDIA

Presentations:

- "Trusts and Estates Update." Breakfast with Buckingham (October 2024)

Publications:

- "The need to plan for a business transition and specialized help to do so," *Smart Business* (March 2026)