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Clients call on Mary for strategic advice regarding the full range of estate planning matters. She regularly counsels individuals and couples on trust and estate administration, as well as estate and gift tax returns and audits. Mary is also well-versed in sales to defective grantor trusts and the establishment of family limited partnerships and private foundations.

Mary has drafted and implemented estate plans for a variety of clients, from high-net-worth individuals and young couples to domestic partners and people with disabilities. She is experienced in the creation and administration of probate estates, including claims and will contests.

Mary is a certified public accountant who, prior to beginning her legal career, worked as a CPA in the tax department of a large Chicago accounting firm.

Education

University of Denver Sturm College of Law
J.D., 1995

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
B.A., 1992

Certified Public Accountant

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. Tax Court

Professional Organizations

- Chicago Estate Planning Council
- Illinois CPA Society

Community

Mary serves as a board member for the Lyons Township High School Boosters Club and is a member of the Lyons Township Community Advisory Council. She previously sat on the board of directors for the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Accolades

- Leading Lawyers Network, Trust, Will and Estate Planning Law, 2019-2021
- The Most Influential Women Lawyers in Chicago, Crain's Custom Media, 2017

Leading Lawyers

Services

Wealth Transfer & Succession Planning

Areas of Focus

Asset Protection

Business & Succession Planning

Contested Estates & Trusts

Estate & Trust Administration

Estate Planning