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Practice Areas

Estates & Trusts

Estate, Trust & Fiduciary
Litigation

Trust Company Industry
Practice Group

Admissions

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, University of
Wisconsin Law School,
cum laude, Order of the
Coif, Estate Planning
concentration, *with honors*

Bachelor of Science,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison, Legal Studies and
Political Science, Criminal
Justice Certificate, *with
distinction*



Shannon Braun is a Shareholder and member of the firm's Estates & Trusts practice. She represents a diverse client base that includes professionals, executives, business owners, philanthropists and high net-worth individuals and families. Shannon assists her clients in developing, implementing and managing comprehensive plans to achieve their goals relating to the preservation and tax-efficient transfer of wealth. As a part of her process, she regularly works with outside professional advisors in a collaborative, team-based approach to achieve her clients' goals. She has extensive experience providing legal advice on matters involving business succession planning, charitable giving, estate and gift taxation, fiduciary income taxation, marital property agreements, and probate and trust administration.

Shannon also serves as a member of Godfrey & Kahn's Estate, Trust and Fiduciary Litigation practice, as well as its Trust Company Industry Group. Working closely with her litigation colleagues, she represents and counsels individual and corporate fiduciaries and beneficiaries in estate and trust administration disputes. Shannon has broad experience counseling corporate fiduciaries and trust administrators with respect to the resolution of substantive trust, tax and accounting matters. She also assists both public and private trust companies in the ongoing management of their operations. Shannon's collaborative approach helps her achieve creative and practical solutions for her clients while navigating complex issues and family dynamics in a thoughtful yet meticulous manner.

Shannon graduated *cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin Law School, completing an estate planning concentration, *with honors*. She is a frequent speaker on topics involving business succession planning, charitable giving and wealth transfer techniques, and she served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, teaching a course regarding the use of trusts in estate planning. In addition to these roles, Shannon is also an actively engaged member of the local community and firm, serving on numerous boards and firm committees.

Professional Association Memberships

Association for Women Lawyers
Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum
The Fellows of the Wisconsin Law Foundation

Activities

Association for Women Lawyers – Board Member (2014-2019)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee – Volunteer (2010-2016)

Activities

Godfrey & Kahn Women's Leadership Forum – Committee Member

Greater Milwaukee Young Professional Adviser Council – Member (2019 – 2020)

Herbert J. Mueller Society – Member

Marquette Legal Clinic – Volunteer

Susan G. Komen Wisconsin – Board Member (2014-2019)

University of Wisconsin Law School - Adjunct Professor (Use of Trusts in Estate Planning, 2019)

Wills for Heroes – Volunteer

Wisconsin Humane Society Young Leaders – Board Member (2014-2016)

Honors

Named a 2016 “Up and Coming Lawyer” by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*

Recognized as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2016 - 2019)

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Trusts and Estates, 2022 - present, Banking and Finance Law, Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2024 - present)

Recognized as 2022 *Notable Women in Law* by *BizTimes*

Founders Award, *Association of Women Lawyers* (2022)