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BIOGRAPHY

Shannon Barks regularly represents clients in the following matters:

- Planning for wealth preservation and preparation of estate planning documents
- Planning for and implementation of sophisticated tax reduction strategies
- Administration of complex estates and trusts
- Expert witness
- Charitable planning, creation and establishment of tax exempt organizations and private foundations

- Advise tax exempt organizations
- Business succession planning and tax planning for owners of closely held businesses
- Premarital and postmarital agreement planning
- Special needs trust planning
- Trust and estate litigation
- Estate related income tax planning

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Best Lawyers®, "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Overland Park, 2015; Kansas City, Missouri, 2018, 2020, 2023
- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2011-Present
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers, 2013-Present
- Superlawyers Top 50 Women Lawyers in Missouri and Kansas – 2017, 2019
- Martindale-Hubbell® "AV" Rating
- Martindale-Hubbell®, "Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers," 2012-2014
- Rose Brooks Center, Board of Directors, 2015
- Wayside Waifs, Board of Directors, 2007-2014; Executive Committee, 2009-2013; Secretary, 2009-2010; Chair-Elect, 2011; Board Chair, 2012-2013
- Children's Mercy Hospital Donald H. Chisholm Planned Giving Council, 2000-present, Executive Committee, 2006-present; Chair, 2009-2010
- Safehome, Board of Directors, 2006-2008
- Johnson County Arts Council, Shooting Stars Scholarship Award Program, Chairperson, 2006
- Johnson County Arts Council, Board of Directors, 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Board of Regents; Heart of America Region Chair; Missouri State Chair, State Law Committee; Program Committee
- Chancellor, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Heart of America Institute.
- Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium, Board of Directors, 2018-2021
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association, Real Estate Probate and Trust Committees; Executive Committee
- Kansas Judicial Council, Probate Law Advisory Committee
- Missouri Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association Estate Trust & Elder Law Institute Planning Committee (2016-2017)
- The Missouri Bar, Probate and Trust Committee
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Estate Planning Society of Kansas City, 1999-present; Director, 2013-2014; Asst. Secretary, 2015

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

- French

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 1991
- Kansas, 1990

EDUCATION

The American College of Financial Services, Chartered Financial Consultant, 1998

The American College of Financial Services, Chartered Life Underwriter, 1997

University of Kansas, J.D., 1990

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Private Client
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Corporate
- Tax & Private Client
- Fiduciary Disputes
- Non Profit Organizations

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, Chapters 3, 6, 18-20, *Kansas Basic Will and Trust Drafting*, Published by the Kansas Bar Association
- Author, "No Contest Clauses in Kansas," *The Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, September 2013
- Co-Author, "Chapter 11-2013 Supplement Estate Planning Considerations," *KBA Family Law Practitioner's Guide*
- Article, "Waive Hello to New Charitable Remainder Trust Spousal Consent Rules," *Children's Mercy Hospital's Estate Planning Matters*, Fall 2005 Issue
- Author, "Tax Advantaged Retirement Planning: Selling Life Insurance in the Roth IRA Market," *Journal of the American Society of CLU & ChFC*, July 1998 (Winner, Journal Author Award)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Discussion of General Powers of Appointments," 2nd Annual Trust and Estates Disputes Symposium, St. Louis, August 29, 2019
- Life Insurance and Other Planning in the Era of the Potential Death of the Death Tax," Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium, April 2018
- "No More Wandring in the Dark: Illuminating Defined Value Clauses," ACTEC 2016 Mo-Kan Conference, December 2016

- "Disclaimers," Estate, Trust and Elder Law Institute, Missouri Bar Association, August 2016
- "Recent Developments in Federal Law Affecting Estates and Trusts," 2015 Annual Estate and Trust Institute, September 2015
- "Valuation Discounts: When Restrictive Terms in Buy-Sell Agreements are Disregarded," ACTEC 2014 Mo-Kan Conference, December 2014
- "Disclaimers," The Practical Guide to Probate and Estate Administration, February, 2012, January 2013, January 2014, February 2016, February 2017, February 2018
- "Probate Procedure Under Chapter 59," Return to Green CLE, April 20, 2012
- "Kansas Probate Administration – Decedents' Estates," Johnson County Bar Association Law Practice Skills 101, October 27, 2011
- "Portability: The New Estate Planning Fix?" Estate Planning Internship Program, October 20, 2011
- "Modification and Termination of Trusts," 26th Annual Plaza Lights Institute, Kansas Bar Association, December, 2008
- "Estate Planning Essentials," Moving Forward Together MS Conference and Expo - National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid America Chapter, November, 2008
- "Estate Planning for Non-Citizen Spouses," Douglas County Estate Planning Society, January 2008
- "Small Business Workshop," Johnson County Community College, October 2007
- "Finding the Best Baskets for Your Eggs," Kansas State Treasurer's Office, October 2005
- "Practical Estate Planning Solutions," Kansas City Chapter, Women's Life Underwriter's Association, October 2005
- "Missouri and Kansas Estate Tax after the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Relief Act of 2001," Kansas City Chapter, Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, September 2005
- "New Developments in Estate Planning," Johnson County Bar Association, October 2004
- "HIPAA Privacy Regulations: How Do They Impact Estate Planning?" Douglas County Estate Planning Society, September 2004

- "New Developments in Estate Planning," Kansas City Chapter, Society of Financial Service Professionals, September 2004
- "State and Federal Legislative and Case Law Update - Estate Planning," Annual Plaza Lights Institute, Kansas Bar Association, December 2003
- "Kansas Inheritance Tax and Succession Tax," Third Annual CLE Slam Dunk, Kansas Bar Association, February 2003
- "Cutting Edge Estate Planning," Annual Estate and Trust Institute, The Missouri Bar, October 2002

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