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Practice Areas

Wealth Planning & Family
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Indiana

Ashley is a dedicated Indiana Trust and Estate attorney with extensive experience in estate and wealth planning. As a member of the firm's Private Client & Wealth Planning service team, she works closely with high-net-worth clients, providing tailored advice on estate planning, trust and estate administration, tax-efficient wealth transfer, charitable giving, and business succession strategies.

Before joining FBT Gibbons, Ashley served as Vice President and Trust Advisor in Private Wealth Management at a prominent U.S. bank. There, she guided clients through complex estate planning processes, ensuring their financial and investment goals were aligned with their personal legacy objectives.

Prior to her role at the bank, Ashley was a multi-faceted Indiana Trust and Estate attorney and civil trial and appellate litigator.

Ashley is committed to making complex legal matters approachable and understandable for her clients. She focuses on providing clear, personalized advice that helps clients feel confident and at ease through the estate planning process.

Ashley is the current Chair of the Indianapolis Bar Association Estate Planning & Administration Section and a Director at Large of the Estate Planning Council of Indianapolis. She is also a published author and frequent lecturer on Estate and Probate law. Her publications include co-authorship of 2026 Anderson's Probate Forms (Vols. 25 and 25A, Indiana Practice Series) and 2026 Anderson's Will, Trusts and Estate Planning (Vols. 26 and 26A, Indiana Practice Series), both published by Thompson Reuters/West Publishing.

Other Info About Ashley

Education

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 2010

- Indiana Health Law Review: Articles Editor (2009–2010)
- Moot Court
- Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Intern (2009)

Indiana University Bloomington, B.A., 2006

- Indiana University Hutton Honors College
- Panhellenic Association, Vice President of Academics

Clerkships

- Law Clerk to Court of Appeals of Indiana, Cale J. Bradford (2008)
- Law Clerk to Marion County Superior Court, Judge Cynthia Ayers (2006–2007)

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America® – Litigation—Trusts and Estates, 2026–2027; Trusts and Estates, 2026–2027

Indiana Super Lawyers® Rising Star, Estate Planning (2020–2023)

Professional Affiliations

Estate Planning Council of Indianapolis, Inc., Director at Large

Indianapolis Bar Association, Estate Planning & Administration Section, Chair Elect (2025), Chair (2026)

Indiana State Bar Association, Probate, Trust & Real Property Section

Regions Bank Women + Wealth program committee leader (2023 – 2024)

Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana (2010–2018); Trial Tactics Section Vice–Chair (2017–2018)

The Sagamore American Inn of Court (2010–2013)

Civic Activities

Washington Township Schools Foundation Board of Directors (2015 – 2024)

Indianapolis Bar Association Free Wills Clinic Volunteer

Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build Volunteer

Presentations

ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL OF INDIANAPOLIS, INC. 03/19/2026 – *Incorporating Younger Generations in Estate Plans*

Featured Speaker – Avoiding Tax Traps in Estate and Gift Planning: Practical Steps to Minimize Clients’ Tax Consequences (Indiana State Bar Association, 2025)

Featured Speaker – Irrevocable Trusts: Essential Uses and Key Provisions (NBI Indiana Trusts Guide, 2025)

Featured Speaker – Probate Playbook for Trial Lawyers (ICLEF, 2025)

Featured Speaker – *Funeral Planning* (West LegalEdCenter, 2021)

Featured Speaker – *Introduction to Estate Planning for Free Wills Clinic Volunteers* (IndyBar, 2021)

Featured Speaker – *Motor Carrier Case Law Update and Discovery, Negotiation of Damages, Settlement and Litigation Techniques* (Liability and Litigation Seminar, 2016)

Featured Speaker – *Selection & Presentation of Expert Witnesses in State and Federal Court* (IndyBar Litigation Trial Skills Series, 2014)

Major Publications

Co–Author – Indiana Practice Series Volumes 26 & 26A: *Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning*, Thomson Reuters/West Publishing

(2026)

Co-Author – Indiana Practice Series Volumes 25 & 25A: *Probate Forms*, Thomson Reuters/West Publishing (2026)

Co-Author – *Avoiding Tax Traps in Estate and Gift Planning: Practical Steps to Minimize Clients' Tax Consequences* (Indiana State Bar Association, 2025)

Irrevocable Trusts: Essential Uses and Key Provisions (NBI Indiana Trusts Guide, 2025)

Co-Author (with Jeff Dible) – *Probate Playbook for Trial Lawyers: Settlements, Strategies & Court Insights* (ICLEF, 2025)

Indiana Practice (3d ed) (Thompson/West Publishing). Co-author of Volumes 9–11 (2020–2025 Supplements), and original author of new chapters on Indiana Estate and Probate and Appellate Practice.

Estate Planning Considerations for New Parents
(harrisonmoberly.com, 2021)

DTCl: Attorney – expert communications (The Indiana Lawyer, 2014)

Co-Author – *Overview of U.S.C. §529 College Savings Plans for Indiana Estate Planners* (IndyBar, 2020)

Co-Author – *Spoliation of Evidence, an Evolving but Limited Doctrine: When Should the "Destroyer of Evidence" Be Held Accountable?* (DTCl Civil Litigation Review, Vol. VIII, 2012)

DTCl: Photo of car admissible to show lack of injury (The Indiana Lawyer, 2011)

Combating Obesity: Our Country's Need for a National Standard to Replace the Growing Patchwork of Local Menu Labeling Laws
(Indiana Health Law Review, Vol. VII, 2009–2010)

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