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PRACTICE FOCUS

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Begin the Begin – Once you begin, you are closer to the end than had you not begun at all. With that statement, Catherine F. Schott Murray appreciates that every client's situation is unique and requires solutions that are adapted to their particular needs, goals, and objectives once the planning process has begun. She takes the time to carefully listen to her clients and discuss decisions that are not always straightforward, ultimately reaching an appropriate resolution that is pertinent to each client. Catherine is professional, yet compassionate, while carefully explaining complex matters during potentially trying times.

Catherine's practice focuses on trust and estate planning as well as business planning. She advises clients with respect to the creation and implementation of simple and complex estate plans, including incapacity planning; elder law; guardianships and conservatorships; special needs trusts; health care decision making; estate and trust administration; probate administration; wealth preservation; asset protection; entity formation and maintenance, gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer tax planning; charitable planning; irrevocable trusts; donor advised funds; private foundations; family limited partnerships; and limited liability companies.

Prior to joining the firm, Catherine assisted individuals with estate planning and Medicaid planning as well as represented lenders and closely-held companies in commercial and financial transactions, commercial lease negotiations, mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and collections. She also participated in the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Elder Law Clinic where she provided legal services to elderly indigent clients, including drafting guardianship petitions, advance planning for incapacity, estate planning, and medical assistance/Medicaid eligibility for long term care.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Tax Court

EDUCATION

- **LL.M., *in Taxation***
  Georgetown University, 2009
- **J.D.**
  University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2003
- **B.A., *magna cum laude,* with Honors**
  Gettysburg College, 2000
  Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

- Business and Commercial Law
- Business Organizations
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Probate and Estate Administration
- Taxation
- Trust Administration
- Wills/Trusts
- Guardianships/Conservatorships

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
Virginia Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (VAELA)
- Immediate Past President 2019 - 2020
- President 2018 - 2019
- President-Elect 2017 - 2018
- Vice President 2016 - 2017
- Board of Directors

Fairfax Bar Assocation

RECENT AWARDS

- AV Preeminent® Peer Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™*
- 2019 - 2020, *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite" – Elder Law
- 2017, Door Opener Society Membership, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia
- 2017, Chapter Member of the Year (VAELA)
- 2016, *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite" – Taxes/Estates/Trusts/Elder Law

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Navigating Private Philanthropy During a Pandemic", July 2020
- "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: How Are You Planning for the Future?", November 2019
- "Don't Get Stuck on an Island - Incapacity Planning Webinar", October 30, 2018
- "Why DIY Estate Planning is a Recipe for Disaster", VWG Wealth Management, October 17, 2018