



Brynne C. Brown

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Areas of Practice

- Estate Planning
- Probate and Trust Administration
- Business Planning and Succession
- Tax Planning

Education

- University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law
LL.M., 2017 in Taxation
CALI Award, Federal Income Tax of Estates and Trusts
- University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law
J.D., 2016
Articles & Symposium Editor, UMKC Law Review
Dean's List
CALI Award, Property Transaction and State and Local Tax
- University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Business
M.B.A., 2015
- University of Missouri at Columbia
B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2000

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Kansas

Experience

Brynne provides clients with thoughtful counsel in the practice areas of estate planning, taxation, and business law. She partners closely with each client to develop a plan or solution that best fits their specific needs and wishes.

She counsels individuals and families on estate planning, probate and trust administration, and estate, gift, and income taxation. With experience in both drafting estate plans and administering estates and trusts, Brynne helps clients anticipate how their decisions will function in real life for them and their families. Throughout her practice, she has drafted estate planning documents of all types and levels of complexity.

Brynne represents exempt and nonprofit entities. She has experience forming public charities and private foundations (both in corporate and trust form), filing the initial application for federal tax-exempt status, and counseling exempt and nonprofit entities on operational and tax matters. Brynne also represents for-profit entities, usually closely held or family-owned businesses, with business formation, choice of entity decisions, succession planning, and general governance matters.

In addition to private practice, Brynne has served as Trust Counsel within a trust company, during which she advised on the administration of estates, foundations, and trusts, specifically the duties required of and the discretion afforded to a corporate fiduciary under governing documents and statute. She has extensive experience drafting complex nonjudicial settlement agreements and release and indemnification agreements. In this role, Brynne oversaw outside counsel on court-involved matters and special projects, which gives her a distinct understanding of the expectations that corporate fiduciaries have of their outside counsel.

Brynne and her husband, Eric, have a daughter, Nora, and a senior Boxer pup, Watson.

Distinctions

- Recognized as a "Top 20 to Know" Attorney in Kansas City by the Kansas City Business Journal, 2025
- Recognized as a "120 People to Know in KC's Key Industries" by the Kansas City Business Journal, 2025
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers Ones to Watch*, 2026 in the following fields:
 - Corporate Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers Ones to Watch* for 2026
- Selected for inclusion as a Rising Star by *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*

- Graduate, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Bar Leadership Academy
- Best Written Submission, American Bar Association Law Student Tax Challenge, LL.M. Division
- National Finalist, Oral Defense, American Bar Association Law Student Tax Challenge, LL.M. Division
- National Finalist, Judge John R. Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing

Affiliations

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Kansas City Planning Giving Council (Present)
- Children's Mercy Donald H. Chisholm Planned Giving Council (Present)
- Heart of America Tax Institute
 - Institute Co-Chair (Past)
 - Arrangements Co-Chair (Past)
- Kansas Bar Association (Present)
- Kansas City Estate Planning Society
 - Second Year Director (Present)
- Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium
 - Member, Technology Committee (Past)
 - Member, Sponsorship Committee (Past)
- Mid-America Charitable Gift Planners
 - At-Large Member, Board of Directors (Past)
 - Chair and Member, Building Blocks Conference (Past)
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
 - Probate Member-at-Large, Family and the Law Section (Present)
- Missouri Bar Association (Present)

Publications & Presentations

- "Navigating the Codes of Ethics for Charitable Gift Planning Professionals,"* Mid-America Charitable Gift Planners, Buildings Blocks Conference, 2024
- "Getting a Handle on the Buckets of Estate Planning,"* Mid-America Charitable Gift Planners, Planned Giving 101, 2025
- "Filling the Bucket: How to Fund an Estate Plan,"* Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium Fundamentals of Estate Planning, 2025
- "Opening and Closing Probate – a 500 Foot View,"* UMKC Practical Guide to Probate and Trust Administration, 2025 & 2026
- "The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: How Increased Regulation Has Given Large Banks an Artificial Competitive Edge,"* 83 UMKC L. Rev. 1045 (2015)

"When Capacity Changes: Navigating Donor Intent & Charitable Giving," Mid-America Charitable Gift Planners, Monthly Insight, 2026

"GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH THE UNCOMFORTABLE: What Every Advisor Should Understand About the Essential Buckets of Estate Planning," Truman Heartland Community Foundation, Annual Professional Advisor Seminar, 2026