Emily B. Taylor

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Practice Areas:

- Trust and Estate Planning
- Long-Term Care Planning
- Probate
- Estate Administration

Education:

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2014
- B.A., English, Texas A&M University, 2011

Admitted to Practice

- Texas, 2011

Prior Work Experience

- Wright Abshire, PC, Associate, 2015-2019

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Emily's work is a client-focused practice involving estate planning, disability planning, elder law, and probate and trust administration. Emily builds relationships with clients leading them through their estate planning, including planning for loved ones with disabilities, through their own potential retirement and long-term care. She then guides the family, after the demise of the client, through the probate and estate administration process, easing the mind of the family by making the post mortem challenges simpler.

Trust and Estate Planning

- Counsel and represent clients in achieving their testamentary goals by preparing and executing wills and trusts.
- Represents clients in matters involving their lifetime planning and planning for disposition of their assets after death.
- Prepare supplemental needs trusts including counseling clients in joining pooled trusts both during client's lifetime or as a testamentary gift after death.
- Counsel clients and prepare wills and trusts with charitable beneficiaries.
- Counsel clients regarding the availability and use of ABLE accounts.
- Collaborate with client's other trusted professionals to ensure the plan includes their business, tax, and other important goals.
- Counsel clients regarding their lifetime planning including preparing and seeing through to execution various ancillary documents including powers of attorney, HIPAA Releases, declarations of guardians (for adults and minors), and directives to physicians (living wills).
- Decant existing trust to new trust to meet or maintain goals of client.

Long-Term Care Planning

- Provide resources and guidance in long-term care planning including asset protection, gifting consequences, and eligibility for means-tested government benefits.
- Represents clients in the application and pursuit of long-term care Medicaid in their homes, assisted living communities, and in nursing communities.
- Collaborate with client's other trusted professionals to ensure they understand the client's ultimate goals.
- Counsel clients regarding vulnerability to and avoidance of the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.
- Counsel clients in protecting their estates and estates of their loved ones from the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

Probate

- Represents applicants, affiants, executors, and administrators in many counties in various types of court ordered estate administration including independent administration, dependent administration, muniments of title, heirship judgments, declaratory judgments, and small estate affidavits .
- Represents clients in many counties in various types of non-court ordered estate administration including affidavits of heirship.
- Prepare family settlement agreements in representation of beneficiaries, executors, and administrators.
- Represents clients in pursuing withdrawals of claims from the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

Estate Administration

- Represents clients in administration of various trusts upon termination.
- Represents beneficiaries and trustees in family settlement agreements.

Professional Honors and Affiliations

- President, Texas Aggie Bar Association
- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Texas Chapter
- Member, Disability and Elder Law Attorneys (DELAA)
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Texas Bar College
- Recipient, Lawyer Monthly Women in Law Award, Wills and Probate, 2020