



## Joy Eckelkamp

SENIOR COUNSEL  
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### Practice Areas:

- Estate, Trust & Tax Planning
- Probate Estate Administration
- Trust Administration
- Guardianship
- Special Needs & Disability Planning

### Education:

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1999
- B.A., Political Science & Communication Arts, Austin College, 1994

### Admitted to Practice

- Texas, 1999

### Certified Legal Specialties

- Certified Elder Law Attorney, National Elder Law Foundation

### Prior Work Experience

- Bank of Texas, Disability and Elder Law Trust Solutions Trust Officer, 2016-2020
- Wright Abshire Attorneys, Senior Associate, 2001-2016
- The Bond Law Firm, Associate, 2000-2001
- Estate Planning Services, Attorney, 1999

Joy's practice includes estate, trust and tax planning, probate, estate and trust administration, disability planning, special needs and disability planning and guardianship. Joy guides clients through the process of preparing and executing wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives, and more. She is a Certified Elder Law Attorney and is an accredited claims attorney by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Representative Experience

- Representation of clients in matters involving their lifetime planning and planning for disposition of their assets after death.
- Counseled and represented numerous Executors, Trustees, and Administrators in multiple Texas counties on various probate administration.

#### *Estate Planning*

- Preparation and execution of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives and declarations of guardians.

#### *Disability Planning & Trusts*

- Disability planning, including self-settled, third-party, court-created, and pooled Special Needs trusts.
- ABLE account planning.
- Personal Injury Settlement Trusts for minors or persons with disabilities.

#### *Guardianship*

- Initiation of guardianships and court created trusts.
- Representation of guardians and corporate trustees.
- Skilled at finding less restrictive alternatives to guardianship.

#### *Estate and Trust Administration*

- Initiation of probate administration and heirship determination.
- Administration of probate and trust estates.

### Professional Honors and Affiliations

- "Top Lawyers," *Houstonia Magazine*, 2014-2015
- "Rising Star," *Super Lawyers*, 2008, 2010
- LBJ Civil Rights Award, South Texas College of Law, 1999
- Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section and Member, State Bar of Texas
- Probate, Trusts and Estates Section, Elder Law Committee, Attorney Mentor and Member, Houston Bar Association
- Annual Volunteer, Houston Bar Association's Will-A-Thon for Seniors and Veterans
- Fort Bend County Bar Association, Member
- Houston Attorneys in Tax and Probate, Member
- Certified as an Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem for Texas
- Certified as a Veteran's Accredited Claims Attorney
- Advisory Committee, former officer and Member, Disability and Elder Law Attorney Association (DELAA)
- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and Texas Chapter Officer and Board Member
- Former Member, Houston Estate Financial Forum