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Practice Areas

- Estate & Wealth Planning

Education

- University of Michigan Law School
J.D.
- Wayne State University of Law School
LL.M. in Taxation
- Wayne State University
Bachelor of Science with distinction

Bar Admission

- Michigan

Overview

Shirley Kaigler is an attorney in our Estate & Wealth Planning practice group. She concentrates her practice in the areas of probate and trust administration, estate, tax, retirement and business succession planning, elder law, and health care proxy and special needs issues. She has experience principally in the area of a gift, estate, and tax planning for all estate sizes. Her clients are business owners, professionals in sole and group practices, corporate executives, educators, retirees, and individuals with special needs. Shirley has fostered positive working relationships with major financial institutions in order to coordinate and implement her clients' tax, estate, and financial plans and is dedicated to ensuring that her clients' wishes and wealth are safely preserved.

Publications

- Inside the Minds: Elder Law Trusts and Estate Strategies, "Working with the Elderly Client and Their Family in Estate Planning," Aspatore Books (2008)

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan, Elder Law and Disability Rights Section and Probate and Estate Section
- Wolverine Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- D. Augustus Straker Bar Foundation, President
- D. Augustus Straker Bar Association
- American Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- National Bar Association Probate and Estate Planning Law Section
- Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Probate and Estate Planning Section Advisory Board Member
- Detroit Institute of Arts Tannahill Society, Estate Planning Council
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Golden Life Member
- Planned Giving Endowment Program of Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, Legal Financial Network Group
- Legacy Associates Foundation, Advisory Board
- Black United Fund of Michigan, Inc., Advisory Board
- Links, Inc., Greater Wayne County Chapter, President
- Southfield Community Foundation, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee
- Council of Michigan Foundations, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee

Recognition

- Best Lawyers in America “Lawyer of the Year” 2017, Trusts and Estates
- Michigan Lawyers Weekly, Leaders in the Law, 2014
- Michigan Super Lawyer, 2006—2020
- Best Lawyers in America, 2007—2021
- Named one of 20 Michigan Lawyers Weekly Women in the Law, 2010
- Dbusiness Top Lawyer, 2011, 2014 - 2020
- HOUR Detroit magazine: Top Women Attorneys in Michigan, 2015