Noleta L. Jansen

Partner

Noleta Jansen is a member of the firm's Estate, Trust & Wealth Preservation Practice Group. Ms. Jansen works with clients on complex estate planning and estate and trust administration matters to ensure smooth asset management and to maximize assets available for transfer to beneficiaries through appropriate tax planning techniques. She also represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in trust, estate, and fiduciary disputes. Her experience includes:

- Helping clients understand the estate planning tools available and relevant to them, preparing estate plans tailored to their individual family and financial circumstances, and maximizing assets available for transfers to beneficiaries through appropriate tax planning techniques
- Assisting clients with powers of attorney for health care and living wills, to ensure that their wishes will be honored when the need arises
- Assisting clients with planning and making lifetime gifts and preparing gift tax returns
- Advising trustees and personal representatives regarding all aspects of trust and probate estate administration, including court oversight and determination of the appropriate procedure; determination and collection of assets, debts, claims, and expenses; tax issues and returns; and prompt distribution of assets in accordance with the decedent's wishes and applicable state law
- Assisting clients in obtaining guardianship of incapacitated adult family members
- Representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in various estate and trust disputes, including claims of breach of fiduciary duty, and will and trust contests
- Representing trustees in court proceedings relating to instruction and reformation of governing instruments, to protect rights and achieve desired results
- Representing trustees regarding trust accounting and termination matters
- Representing clients in relation to their rights arising under Wisconsin's marital property law
- Representing creditors in making claims against estates and trusts

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Legal Services

- Estate, Trust & Wealth Preservation
- Fiduciary, Trust and Probate Litigation
- Financial Institutions Litigation

Education and Honors

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2003)
    - Wisconsin Law Review (Staff Member; Note & Comment Editor)
    - Dean's List
    - Order of the Coif. State Bar of Wisconsin 2002–2003 Law Student Tax Writing Competition (Winner)
- Marquette University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1999)

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Professional and Civic Activities

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (Fellow)
- Milwaukee Bar Association (Member)
- Association for Women Lawyers (Member)
- Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum (Member)
- Barristers Club (Past Member)
- Next Door Foundation Endowment Committee (Past Member)
- Milwaukee County Guardianship Assistance Program Task Force (Past Member;
  Co-founder, Past Co-leader and Past Member of the Milwaukee County Guardianship Assistance Program Clinic)
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Inc. Guardianship Clinic (Co-founder,
  Past Co-leader and Member)
- Milwaukee Aging Consortium (Past President of the Board of Directors)

Professional Recognition

- Selected as a 2014 Five Star Estate Planning Attorney
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2013–present: Trusts and Estates)
- Selected for inclusion in Wisconsin Super Lawyers® Rising Stars 2008–2009, 2011–2017 Editions (Estate Planning & Probate)
- Selected as a 2007 Leader in the Law by the Wisconsin Law Journal
- Selected in 2006 as a recipient of the Association for Women Lawyers Pro Bono Award