



## Jennifer Kent Exum

Of Counsel

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Jennifer Exum counsels clients on matters involving estate administration, estate planning, estate-related litigation, and general civil litigation.

Drawing on her robust experience in estate and trust administration, Jennifer Exum advises individuals and families on probate, estate and tax planning, conservatorships, and advises and defends them in situations where litigation is necessary. Her focus on estate administration and litigation informs every aspect of her practice, as she sees firsthand the tremendous impact effective estate planning can have on a family and the devastating consequences which can come from a lack of planning.

Jennifer counsels clients, including executors, trustees, heirs, and advisors, on matters ranging from simple estates to highly complex business transitions with challenging family dynamics. She works with clients to correct title issues pertaining to inherited real estate, and she helps clients navigate the administration of international assets and property in multiple states. Jennifer also assists the Hamilton County Chancery Court through her service as a court-appointed Receiver over businesses in decedents' estates, and with insolvent or complex estate administrations involving judgment creditors, liens, and state and federal tax issues.



### Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation - Trusts and Estates and Trusts and Estates (2024, 2025)
- Member – Estate Planning Council of Chattanooga, President (present); Board of Directors (2008 – present); Past President (2013 – 2014)
- Member – Tennessee Bar Association, Estate Planning and Probate Section (2008 – present) – Past Chair (2017); Executive Council (2008 – present); Eastern Division Delegate (2008 – present); Legislative Subcommittee (2008 – present)
- Member – Chattanooga Bar Association
- Member – Brock-Cooper American Inn of Court, Membership and Programs Chair (2020 – present); Barrister/former Pupillage Group Leader (2016 – present)



### Publications

- Author – "Wills: Tennessee," Thomson Reuters *Practical Law Trusts & Estates* (2022)
- Author – "Advance Directive for Health Care (TN)," Thomson Reuters *Practical Law Trusts & Estates* (2022)
- Author – "Signature Pages for Will and Self-Proving Affidavit (TN)," Thomson Reuters *Practical Law Trusts & Estates* (2022)



### Speaking Engagements

- "Topgolf: Estate Planning Tee-Off 2022," Tennessee Bar Association (August 2022)
- "Estate Planning & Probate Forum 2017 – 2022," Tennessee Bar Association (2017 – 2022)
- "Estate Planning Tips for the General Practitioner," Tennessee Bar Association (2021)



### Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law, J.D., 2006

- Research Editor – *Tennessee Law Review*
- Northwestern University, B.A., 1997



## Admissions

- Tennessee, 2006
- Federal District Court Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Tennessee