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Andrea Sinclair is a trusted counselor and valued guide for individuals and families as she helps them plan for and navigate life's joys, challenges, and transitions. She understands that the trust and estate planning, administration, and litigation matters she handles are both deeply personal and profoundly impactful. She also recognizes that clients often call upon her during times of mourning, conflict, or stress. Combining legal acumen with a deep sense of empathy and genuine concern for her clients' well-being, Andrea is the steady hand and sage counsel on which they rely.

In her estate planning practice, Andrea knows that the discussions and issues involved in creating an estate plan can be uncomfortable and unfamiliar for her clients. That is why she explains sophisticated strategies in clear, plain language so each client understands and appreciates the content of their estate plan and how it will protect them and their families in the years ahead. Collaborative in spirit and recognizing the importance of holistic estate planning strategies, Andrea frequently consults with clients' advisors, accountants, managers, and family offices to create tailored estate plans, promote clients' values, and accomplish sophisticated wealth transfer and preservation goals.

Andrea drafts wills, powers of attorney, living wills, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, trusts (including revocable "living" trusts, Tennessee Community Property Trusts, Tennessee Investment Services Trusts, dynasty trusts, intentionally defective grantor trusts), and other tax-efficient vehicles. She also assists clients with modifying and terminating trusts by agreement.

Trustees, guardians, conservators, and executors turn to Andrea for assistance in satisfying their fiduciary duties and performing the responsibilities that come with their roles. She manages the administration and litigation of trusts, probate estates, guardianships, and conservatorships for clients, particularly high-net-worth individuals, business owners and founders, c-suite executives, and their traditional and non-traditional families.

When disputes and conflicts arise, Andrea brings her substantial litigation experience to seek resolutions that protect and advance her clients' interests. Andrea represents clients in matters such as:

- Termination and modification of trusts and gift agreements.
- Estate and trust administration disputes
- Real estate disputes, including quiet title actions, breach of contract claims, boundary disputes, and adverse possession claims.
- Contested conservatorships and guardianships.
- Will constructions.
- Will contests.
- Fraudulent conveyance claims.

Andrea also helps clients select and form for-profit and non-profit business entities and assists them with corporate governance, operational matters, and tax exemption qualification and compliance.

Consistently recognized by her peers for her professional excellence and for being active in her community, Andrea and her husband, Matthew, live in Hermitage with their young son.

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School (2014), *Order of the Coif*
- B.S. (Economics) and B.A. (Political Science), The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2011), *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee

Practice Areas

- Appellate Practice
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trust & Estate Litigation
- Trusts & Estates

Honors

- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* “One to Watch” 2021-Present (Litigation-Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates)
- *Order of the Coif*, Vanderbilt University Law School
- Note, *Delimiting Title VII: Reverse Religious Discrimination Claims and Proxy Claims in Employment Discrimination Litigation*, 67 Vand. L. Rev. 239 (2014)
- Thomas C. Banks Jessup Award Recipient
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Beta Gamma Sigma
- Truman Scholarship Finalist

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association – Member
- Tennessee Bar Association – Member
- Nashville Bar Association – Member
- Estate Planning Council of Middle Tennessee – Member

Civic Activities

- The Family Center, Nashville, Tennessee – Board of Directors, Executive Committee
- Hermitage Hills Baptist Church – Member