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Kathryn A. Penick

Associate

Kathryn concentrates her practice on elder law and estate planning & administration. She helps clients protect their assets through estate planning, trust planning, and tax planning, prioritizing each client's legacy goals.

Concurrently with her J.D., Kathryn earned an LL.M. Master of International and European Business Law from the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas in Spain. She has a variety of legal-related experience, including internships with the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic, Canada - U.S. Law Institute, and Office of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius. Kathryn speaks conversational French and Japanese.



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Practice Areas

- Elder Law
- Estate Planning & Administration

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.,
  Hugo Grotius International Law Fellow; Dean's List; Yemen Accountability Project Member 2022-2023; Criminal Law Teaching Assistant, 2022
- Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, Madrid, Spain, LL.M., Master of International and European Union Business Law
- Regis University, B.A., *summa cum laude; Honors Program; Dean's List; Teaching Assistant, 2016*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Representative Experience

- Helps create asset protection plans for elderly individuals to minimize nursing home expenses
- Helps create asset protection plans for disabled individuals in order to maximize quality of life
- Helps prepare estate planning and trust documents to achieve clients' asset protection and legacy goals

- Served as Certified Legal Intern for the Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic, including research on state tax credit programs, legal advice for business clients, and litigation preparation
- Served as intern for Magistrate Judge Nina Wang in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- Served as Cox Center Summer Intern for the Canada - U.S. Law Institute and for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius
- Served as Assistant Language Teacher and District Representative for the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program

Community and Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

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- Erie Regional Library Foundation, *Board Member (2025-present)*

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October & November 2026: *Medicaid and Asset Protection Strategies*
- Living Well with PD Fall Seminar hosted by the Parkinson Partners of NW PA, October 2026: *Medicaid & Elder Law Planning*
- Nursing Home & Medicaid Boot Camp, co-presenter for partner webinar, September 2026
- JOY Senior Center Presentation on Elder Law & Medicaid, March 2026
- PICPA Annual Tax Conference (Virtual), November 2025: *Grantor Trusts, Co-Presenter*
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2025: *Grantor Trusts Plus! (Again?!), Co-Presenter; 25 Legal Tips in 50 Minutes, Panelist on Elder Law*
- WELLS Conversation, on building an international profile, as part of WELLS International Women's Lawyer Network, July 2025

Articles and Publications

- Key Medicaid Concepts You Should Know
- Elder Law Month: Frequently Asked Questions
- Using Estate Planning Tools to Become Medicaid Eligible
- 10 Common Medicaid Planning Mistakes to Avoid
- Grantor Trusts Plus! (Again?!)

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