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Elizabeth Horsley focuses her practice on estate and trust administration and planning. She assists corporate and private clients with administration of estates and trusts, and she advises individuals concerning the preparation of estate plans. She also represents clients in contested estate and trust matters.

Elizabeth has handled a variety of fiduciary litigation involving trust and estate administration. She has brought suits to probate wills and to judicially modify or terminate trusts, and she has served as an expert witness regarding the reasonableness of attorney's fees in estate litigation. She also has experience with conservator and guardianship matters.

Recent estate planning and administration matters include:

- Drafting wills, trusts, powers of attorneys and advance medical directives.
- Modifying existing estate plans to address changing family dynamics.
- Attending probate proceedings and handling administration, including preparation of inventories, accountings, and show cause for distribution of an estate.

Examples of Ms. Horsley's routine fiduciary proceedings include:

- Substitution of trustee
- Suits to impeach wills, establish a lost will, and determine heirs
- Suits for aid and direction, and for accountings of trusts and estates
- Suits alleging undue influence and lack of capacity
- Breach of fiduciary duty claims
- Construction suits to resolve ambiguities
- Petitions for termination of trusts
- Unitrust conversions and equitable adjustments

EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University, J.D., 1994

Sweet Briar College, A.B., Government, International Affairs, 1990

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

Supreme Court of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

CLERKSHIP

- Hon. Richard B. Kellam, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia, 1994-1995

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Elizabeth began her legal career with Williams Mullen in Richmond and practiced there until she formed her own trusts and estates law firm.

RECOGNITIONS

- **Martindale-Hubbell**

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

- ***The Best Lawyers in America***®

Trusts and Estates, 2013-2017

- **Virginia Super Lawyers**

Estate and Trust Litigation, 2013-2015

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Turn 529 Account Funds into Retirement Savings, 2023
- First Quarter Planning for 2023, 2023
- Workers and Retirees Take Note: The SECURE Act's Revised Rules on Retirement Plans Impact Popular IRAs, 2022
- Co-presenter, "Ascertainable Standard: Is it Really?" Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar, Virginia CLE, 2016
- Presenter, "Evolution of Virginia's UTC," Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar, Virginia CLE, 2014
- Presenter, "Uniform Trust Code: An Update," Lorman, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Virginia State Bar**

Trusts and Estates Section

Litigation Section

- **Virginia Bar Association**

Wills, Trusts & Estates Section, Council, 2019-2021; Legislative Committee, 2016-present

- **The Bar Association of the City of Richmond**

Member, 2022-present

- **Richmond Trust Administrators Council**

Member, 2010-present; President, 2014-2015

- **Estate Planning Council of Richmond**

Member, 2010-2016

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

• **Virginia Horse Center Foundation**

2017-present; Secretary, 2021-present

• **University of Georgia Parents Leadership Council**

Grants Committee, 2021-present

• **Commonwealth Parenting Center**

Board of Directors, 2007-2012; President, 2010-2012