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Kaitlyn Anne Wild joined Rathje Woodward in 2011 and has since developed a strong commercial litigation and appellate background into a practice that focuses primarily on estate planning and estate and trust administration. Having litigated contractual disputes and the breakdown of close business relationships, she is able to bring a well-rounded perspective to the drafting and performance of wills and trusts, which are some of the most complex contractual documents being executed today.

Having an MBA in addition to her JD, Kaitlyn is also able to counsel clients regarding the business issues that are often part of estate planning and administration. She has assisted clients with creating and implementing succession plans for business assets, including "family companies" that clients want to live on after them.

During the course of her practice, Kaitlyn has utilized many different types of estate planning tools, including: wills; revocable trusts; pet trusts; irrevocable life insurance trusts; intentionally defective grantor trusts; qualified subchapter S trusts; third-party supplemental needs trusts; private foundations; family limited partnerships or limited liability companies; land trusts; powers of attorney; and living wills.

Whether her clients' goals have included income and estate tax planning, business succession planning, charitable giving, support for family members with special needs, or simply settling their affairs to save their loved ones the burden, Kaitlyn has provided the estate planning and administration counsel necessary to achieve those goals.

Practice Areas

- Wills, Trusts and Estates
- Business, Corporate, Transactional
- Appellate Law
- Litigation

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., 2010) *cum laude*
 - Marquette Sports Law Review (2007 - 2009)
 - Managing Editor (2008 - 2009)
 - Certificate in Sports Law from the National Sports Law Institute
- Marquette University Graduate School of Management (M.B.A., 2010)
- Mount Holyoke College (B.A., 2006) *magna cum laude*, with Honors
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- 2010 State of Illinois
- 2010 State of Wisconsin
- 2011 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- 2012 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- 2014 U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- 2016 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Memberships

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Wisconsin State Bar
- DuPage County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Rotary Club of Wheaton A.M., Member

Published Articles

- "What Appellate Lawyers Wish Trial Lawyers Knew," *DCBA Brief*, Mar. 2016
- "Protect Your Business Clients with a Prejudgment Interest Provision," *Illinois Bar Journal*, Aug. 2014
- "Plaintiffs' Secret Weapon: The Illinois Respondent in Discovery Statute," *Illinois Bar Journal*, Jan. 2014