

# Biography



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Lauren Surdyke is a partner with UB Greensfelder and a trusted advisor to high-net-worth individuals, families, and business owners seeking sophisticated estate planning solutions designed to preserve wealth and secure future generations. Her practice focuses on advanced estate and tax planning, asset protection, business succession planning, charitable giving strategies, marital agreements, and complex family and fiduciary matters.

Known for her thoughtful, collaborative approach, Lauren works closely with clients and their advisory teams to understand their unique goals and circumstances, helping them develop customized strategies that minimize tax exposure, safeguard assets, and create lasting legacies. She has significant experience designing and implementing advanced wealth transfer strategies, including spousal lifetime access trusts (SLATs), family limited partnerships, gift trusts, and other sophisticated planning structures. She also advises clients on trust administration, prepares estate and gift tax returns, and guides families through planning issues involving multigenerational wealth, multistate estates, and evolving family dynamics.

Lauren's experience includes representing families in complex trust modifications, advising owners of closely held businesses on succession planning, and negotiating marital agreements involving substantial business interests.

Prior to entering private practice, Lauren worked at a large financial services firm, where she reviewed estate plans for high-net-worth clients and assisted with wealth maximization strategies. That experience provides her with a practical understanding of the financial and planning considerations that often accompany comprehensive estate planning and wealth transfer planning.

A recognized leader in the legal community, Lauren has served as president of the St. Louis County Bar Association and has held several leadership roles within the organization. She was the recipient of the St. Louis County Bar Association's 2023 Roy F. Essen Memorial Award for Outstanding Work as a Young Lawyer and is also involved with the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

Lauren has been recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Trusts and Estates and on the Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for Estate & Probate. She earned her J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law and her B.S. from Missouri Baptist University.