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Alicia Bernards is a member of the Trusts and Estates Section. She focuses her practice on probate and trust administration, estate and gift tax, and fiduciary and beneficiary disputes. She works with personal representatives, trustees, beneficiaries, and other interested parties.

Alicia guides families and fiduciaries through every stage of administering an estate or trust, ranging from from straightforward probate matters to high-net-worth and taxable estates. She advises clients on fiduciary duties and on complex issues in administration, including marital property, generation-skipping transfer tax, and QTIP trusts. She prepares federal estate tax returns, generation-skipping transfer tax returns, split-interest information returns for charitable remainder unitrusts, and federal gift tax returns.

During law school, Alicia was an editor of the *Marquette Law Review*. She advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Moot Court Competition regionals and received a CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Advanced Legal Research in Wisconsin Law. She was inducted into the Marquette University Law School Pro Bono Honor Society. She also served as a judicial intern to Chief Judge Pamela Pepper of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Areas of Practice

- Trusts and Estates
- Estate and Trust Administration
- Tax

Education

- Marquette University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2022
- University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, B.A., 2017
- Madison Area Technical College (Madison College), A.A.S., Paralegal Studies, 2011

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin

Professional and Civic Associations

- Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Association for Women Lawyers (AWL)

Honors and Accomplishments

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in Trusts and Estates (2026-2027), Elder Law (2026-2027) and Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2026-2027).