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Avery Mayne is a member of the Trusts and Estates Section. She works with clients on funding for long-term care, special needs trust planning, and adult guardianships and protective action litigation.

A focal point of her practice is elder law and special needs law. She is certified as an Elder Law Attorney (CELA) by the National Elder Law Foundation. She helps families and individuals with asset protection planning and appeals, determining eligibility for long-term care benefits such as Medicaid, Title XIX, family care, and waiver benefits in both the pre-planning and crisis-planning stages. When working with families for specialized long-term care and disability planning, Avery utilizes strategic gifting strategies, special needs trusts, pooled and community trusts such as Wispact and Life Navigators, ABLE accounts, and other unique planning tools available for individuals with special needs. She also represents clients with disabled family members in adult guardianship proceedings where she is experienced with petitioning, defending, and serving in the fiduciary guardian role in high-conflict matters.

Avery is a frequent presenter and has authored several published works covering the areas of long-term care planning, Medicaid asset protection, adult guardianship and protective actions, and elder and disability rights advocacy.

Resources:

- Ten Essential Legal Documents (PDF)
- Estate Planning Questionnaire for Unmarried Persons - electronic submission
- Estate Planning Questionnaire for Unmarried Persons - fillable PDF form
- Estate Planning Questionnaire for Married Persons - electronic submission
- Estate Planning Questionnaire for Married Persons - fillable PDF form

Areas of Practice

- Elder and Special Needs Law
- Long Term Care/Assisted Living
- Trusts and Estates
- Estate Planning
- Estate and Trust Administration

Education

- Marquette University Law School, J.D., 2015
- University of Missouri, B.A., 2012

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Illinois

Professional and Civic Associations

- State Bar of Wisconsin (Elder and Special Needs Law Section)
- National Association of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Association for Women Lawyers (AWL)

Honors and Accomplishments

- "40 under 40", *The Milwaukee Business Journal* (2026)
- Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch® in America, Elder Law (2022-2027), Family Law (2022-2027), Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2022-2027) and Trusts and Estates (2025-2027)
- Wisconsin Rising Stars (2020-2025)
- “Up and Coming Lawyer”, *Wisconsin Law Journal* (2019)

Community Involvement

- Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP) of Waukesha, Board of Directors
- Life Navigators, Board of Directors