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OVERVIEW

Nicole Hawks is an associate with the firm's Estate Planning and Elder Law practices. She has extensive experience working with seniors and their families to address the myriad concerns of older Americans. Nicole assists clients in estate and retirement planning, powers of attorney, Medicaid planning strategies, as well as working with Veterans in navigating VA pension benefit programs.

Nicole is a frequent speaker on elder law issues and presents informative seminars regularly to local organizations that represent the concerns of seniors, as well as to retirement and senior communities across Northeast and Central Ohio.

EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, J.D.

Ohio University, B.A., *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Ohio

United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Accredited Attorney

AFFILIATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Ashland County Bar Association

IN THE COMMUNITY

PRACTICE AREAS

ELDER LAW

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

LONG-TERM CARE ASSET PROTECTION

MEDICAID PLANNING AND APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

ESTATE PLANNING, PROBATE, AND TRUST ADMINISTRATION

CHARITABLE PLANNING

GUARDIANSHIPS

SOPHISTICATED ESTATE PLANNING

- Ashland Area YMCA, Board of Trustees (2020 – present)
- Leadership Ashland – Class of 2020
- Ashland Pro Bono work assisting Veterans in obtaining VA Improved Pension Benefits
- Past lay Guardian ad Litem for CASA of Franklin County

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Frequent speaker on elder law issues (Veteran's Benefits, Medicaid Benefits, Long-Term Care Counsel and Application Support)