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OVERVIEW:

Emily is a member of the firm's [Trusts & Estates](#) Practice Group. She concentrates her practice on estate planning, trust and estate administration, long-term care planning, and elder law issues. Emily combines her legal knowledge with a compassionate, people-centered approach to assist clients in creating personalized estate plans that align with their unique needs and goals. She regularly advises clients on wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and medical directives. Emily also counsels clients on long-term care planning, including how to navigate Medicaid eligibility and protect families from financial hardship. She is also experienced in guiding clients through the probate process and settling estates with care and efficiency, remaining empathetic to the emotional stress that can accompany the death of a loved one.

In addition to her estate planning work, Emily is well-versed in advising nonprofit organizations blending her legal know-how with the practical experience of having worked as a development officer. Emily advises on matters throughout the nonprofit life cycle, including formation, governance, obtaining tax-exempt status, state registration, stewardship of charitable gifts and endowment management, as well as navigating mergers, affiliations and dissolution.

Emily received her law degree from the University of Virginia after majoring in Classics and Economics at Brown University. She began her career practicing at the Washington, D.C. office of a large, international law firm, where she provided regulatory counseling to Fortune 100 energy and telecom companies and represented them in administrative and judicial matters concerning economic and regulatory issues.

In 2016, Emily moved to Lancaster and served as the Associate Director of Gift Planning at Franklin & Marshall College. In this role, she worked with donors to find ways to satisfy their philanthropic intentions while advancing their financial and estate goals. Emily's experience in charitable gift planning adds a unique dimension to her estate planning practice.

Deeply committed to her community, Emily currently serves as a board member and chair of the Finance Committee for The Lancaster Science Factory and as a Generosity Group Member of the Lancaster Community Foundation. She is the former chair of the Board & Leadership Gifts Committee of Lancaster

Lebanon Habitat for Humanity's Open Doors campaign.

EDUCATION:

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.
- Brown University, B.A. in Classics and Economics

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Trusts & Estates

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

The Lancaster Science Factory

Board Member & Chair of Finance Committee

Lancaster Community Foundation

Generosity Group Member

Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity

Former Chair of Board & Leadership Gifts Committee

Neighborhoods of Old Town

Former Operating Committee Member

Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity

Former Chair of Renovators Home Tour

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Lancaster Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Attorney Emily Watkins Appointed to Lancaster County Community Foundation Board of Directors
March 17, 2025
- Barley Snyder Partner Justin Tomevi Admitted to Practice in the District of Columbia
March 8, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Attorney to its Growing Roster in Lancaster
April 13, 2022