



## Zachary D. Griffith

Associate

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### OVERVIEW:

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Zach is a member of the firm's [Trusts & Estates Practice Group](#). He focuses his practice in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, trust formation, and guardianships. With a client-driven approach, Zach prioritizes building strong relationships and understanding the unique needs of each individual. He believes that effective estate planning is not one-size-fits-all but requires a tailored strategy that reflects each client's specific situation and goals. Approachable and pragmatic, Zach is committed to providing exceptional legal services that empower clients to achieve peace of mind regarding their estate planning and administration needs.

In his estate planning practice, Zach assists clients in creating comprehensive estate plans, including drafting wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, financial power of attorney documents, healthcare power of attorney documents, and living wills. In his estate administration practice, Zach provides compassionate guidance during challenging times and helps clients navigate the complexities of probate, marshalling assets, evaluating and settling debts, resolving beneficiary disputes, and ensuring final distributions are made in a timely and efficient manner.

Additionally, Zach handles the intricacies of guardianship matters which includes filing initial petitions, assisting with annual filing requirements, and filing petitions seeking court approval for expenditures of principal and real property sales. He is also well-versed in Orphans' Court litigation, representing clients through all stages of disputes and effectively protecting their interests.

Zach joined Barley Snyder after a distinguished academic career, graduating *magna cum laude* from Widener University Delaware Law School and *summa cum laude* from Albright College. During law school, Zach interned at Information Systems Laboratories and EnerSys, gaining valuable experience in the technology sector. Zach also holds a Master of Laws in Taxation from Villanova University. With this knowledge, Zach provides counsel relating to personal income tax issues in addition to various aspects of taxes related to trusts and estates.

Outside of the firm, Zach is the Vice President of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Berks

County's board of directors. He also serves as chair of the governance committee where he assists in furthering CASA's mission to positively change the lives of children who face neglect, abuse, and/or abandonment.

In his spare time, he is a volunteer tour guide at the Reading-area Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, one of the largest privately owned aviation museums in the country. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, daughter, two dogs, and his family.

## EDUCATION:

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- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation
- Widener University Delaware Law School, J.D., magna cum laude
- Albright College, B.A. in Political Science

## PRACTICE AREAS:

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- Trusts & Estates

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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### **CASA of Berks County**

Vice President of Board of Directors

### **Mid-Atlantic Air Museum**

Volunteer tour guide

## RECOGNITION:

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- 2021 Greenwatch Institute Scholarship Award in Memory of Jerry Shields

## RELATED NEWS:

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- Barley Snyder Attorneys Zachary Griffith and Caitlin Long Elected to New Board Roles with CASA of Berks County  
May 28, 2024

- Barley Snyder Expands to Serve Current and Future Generations  
March 28, 2023
- Barley Snyder Attorney Griffith Named to CASA Board  
December 3, 2021
- Three Attorneys Added to Barley Snyder Roster  
November 4, 2021