

Chasity W. Cooper *Senior Associate*

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Overview

Chasity W. Cooper practices in the areas of estate planning, probate, trusts and guardianships.

Providing clients peace of mind in knowing they have arranged their personal and financial affairs for their loved ones in the most efficient, cost effective, and tax advantageous way possible is Chasity's top priority. Chasity provides this to her clients through: wills; trusts; medical and financial powers of attorney; business succession planning; insurance trusts; co-habitation agreements; pre and post marital agreements; and complex techniques that minimize estate taxes, such as sales to grantor trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, and family entities.

She counsels clients through the legal issues surrounding the loss of a loved one. She guides executors and trustees through the administration of estates and trusts while advising them of their fiduciary duties. She also represents beneficiaries and advocates for their rights to ensure their inheritance is protected.

As individuals progress through the various stages of life, estate planning documents may need to be reviewed and revised. Some circumstances which may require estate planning adjustments include:

- Adoption or birth of a child
- Death of a family member
- Substantial changes in assets
- Divorce
- Marriage
- Relocation
- Formation of a business entity

Education

University of Miami School of Law, LL.M.,
2009

Texas Tech University, J.D., cum laude,
2008

University of Texas, B.A., with special
honors, 2003

Practice Areas

Estate, Trust, and Wealth Planning

Probate, Trust and Guardianship

Admissions

Texas

Chasity is frequently asked to review estate planning documents prepared by other attorneys to determine that they are current, complete and correct.

Chasity is board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She earned her Masters of Law in Estate Planning in 2009 and continuously strives to provide the best service possible to her clients. Chasity's experience practicing in both rural towns and large cities has allowed her to meet and help people from all walks of life.

Articles Publications

- Author and presenter of Guardianship Update, 2016 Probate Academy for County Judges and County Clerks, Corpus Christi (2016)
- Author of Guardianship Update for REPTL Reporter (2014-present)
- Co-Author of Administration of Closely Held Business Interests in Estate and Guardianship Proceedings, 39th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Law Course, Dallas, Texas (2015)
- Co-Author of 2014 Guardianship Update, 2014 Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal Seminar, Lubbock, Texas (2014)
- The New Estate Tax Law and its Impact on Estate Planning, Knights of Columbus Agency Meeting, Lubbock, Texas (2011)
- The Basics of Estate Planning – What Every Young Lawyer Needs to Know, Lubbock County Young Lawyers Association, Lubbock, Texas (2011)
- The Probate Process from Start to Finish, National Business Institute, Lubbock, Texas (2010 -2011)
- What You Should Know About the Uncertainty of the Estate Tax and Counseling Your Estate Planning Clients, Lubbock County Women Lawyers Association (2010)
- Essential Estate Planning, Catholic Foundation, Lubbock, Texas (2010)
- The Estate Tax and Carryover Basis, West Texas Women's CPA Annual Seminar, Lubbock, Texas (2010)
- Estate Planning with Charitable Remainder Trusts, Knights of Columbus, Midland, Texas (2010)

Associations Affiliations

- Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Leadership Academy (2018-2019)
- Houston Business & Estate Planning Council (2017-present)

- Texas Bar Association Tax Section and Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section Member (2008-present)
- Stevens Elementary Community Outreach Committee (2018)
- Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Reporter Editorial Board (2014-2018)
- Houston Bar Association, Probate, Trust & Estates Section Member (2012-present)
- American Bar Association Member (2008-present)
- Houston Trusts and Estates Club (2012-present)
- Houston Estate and Financial Forum (2014-present)

Educational

- Texas Tech Law Review (Symposium Editor)

Certifications

- Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Guardian Ad Litem, State Bar of Texas

Awards

- [One of the Top Lawyers in Houston by H-Texas Magazine \(2016, 2017\)](#)
- Named Top Lawyer by Houstonia Magazine (2016)