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FAMILY WEALTH & ESTATE PLANNING | BUSINESS SERVICES |
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Geoffrey Kunkler joined Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP in 2014 and was elected Partner in 2018. He steers individuals and business owners through all aspects of estate planning and asset protection planning for retirees. Each estate plan is created to meet unique and individual clients' needs, including charitable and philanthropic planning and special needs planning. He navigates clients through the estate administration process and elder protection whenever necessary. Geoff is active in the community sharing his legal knowledge through educational seminars focused on his expertise.

EDUCATION

Geoff received his bachelor's degree (B.A.) and master's degree (M.A.) from Case Western Reserve University and his law degree (J.D.) from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Geoff also earned his Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy™ designation from The American College in 2016.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Geoff is a recognized leader in his area of practice. He works with organizations that proactively further the education of practicing lawyers. These organizations include the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA) and Columbus Bar Association (CBA). As a member of the CBA, he has served as former Chair of the Estate Planning Committee and is currently a member of the Probate Law Committee. In addition, he is a member of the planning committee for the Probate Law Institute, hosted annually by the CBA.

Geoff is an active member of several organizations in Central Ohio that focus on giving back to professionals and the community. Geoff is a licensed Athlete Agent in Ohio, helping students understand how negotiation can ensure maximum compensation. In addition, he volunteers his time at the Columbus Foundation Professional Advisors, Delaware County Foundation Professional Advisors Group, Catholic Foundation Professional Advisors Group, The Ohio State University Office of Gift Planning Professional Advisors Group, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Philanthropic Engagement Council and was previously a founding board member of the Central Ohio Chapter of the National Aging in Place Council.



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PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES





PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Geoff was named a "Top Lawyer" by *Columbus CEO* magazine in 2016, 2018-Present. He was named Top Attorneys Rising Stars for 2020 by *Columbus Monthly*. Geoff has been rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell® since 2017. He has also been listed as one of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine's "Rising Stars" since 2018, and was listed in *Columbus Business First* magazine's Class of 2020 'Forty Under 40.'

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Fiduciary Appointments and Duties in Probate Proceedings (OH)" Lexis Nexis, *Practical Guidance* (December 2020)
- "Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney (OH)" Lexis Nexis, *Practical Guidance* (December 2020)
- "Purposes and Uses of a Will (OH)" Lexis Nexis, *Practical Guidance* (December 2020)
- "Preparing for the New Frontier in Trusts & Estates: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency, Incorporating Cryptocurrencies Into Estate Planning" *Probate Law Journal of Ohio* (September/October 2018)
- "Considerations in Planning for and Administering Digital Assets" *Probate Law Journal of Ohio* (July/August 2016)
- "Saving for Beneficiaries is Easier with ABLE" *Probate Law Journal of Ohio* (September/October 2015)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Geoff is involved with the Delaware County Foundation, as Chair of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive, Finance, Governance and Development Committees. He is also involved in the special needs community. In addition to volunteering at state-level competitions, he is the current Chair of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Ohio. Geoff was previously the inaugural Chair of the Development Committee. He supports The Ohio State University and is a member of the Buckeye Club and the Neil Legacy Society. Additionally, Geoff is a founding member and the current and inaugural Treasurer for the Central Ohio Business and Wealth Planning Council.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

He was born in Wooster, Ohio and now lives in Powell. Geoff enjoys dining out and vacationing with his wife, Lauren, playing with his dog, Teddy, and golfing in his free time. Geoff and Lauren are new parents, welcoming a daughter, Nora, in 2019. As a former personal trainer, Geoff is a bit of a fitness nut and enjoys a variety of physical activities and workouts.