

Areas of practice

Medicaid Planning

We can help you qualify and apply for benefit .

Long-Term Care

We can assist in locating the appropriate type of care and coordinating private and public resources to finance the cost of care.

Guardianship

We can navigate the courts so that you may obtain authority to act in the event a family member is unable to make informed decisions due to a mental incapacity.

Estate Planning

We can design a customized estate plan that works for you. This may include a last will and testament, tax minimization strategies, living will, health care proxy, a durable power of attorney and various trust formulations.

Probate

We can help families untangle the legal process involved at the end of life.

Special Needs Trusts

We can help you establish and fund the correct type of trust to protect public benefits and provide for your loved one.

Veterans Benefit

We can assist you to determine if you are eligible to receive veterans benefits.

The Shepherd Elder Law Group was founded to provide compassionate legal counsel to the elderly, individuals with disabilities and their families.



Samantha L. Shepherd JD, LLM, CELA* practices exclusively in the areas of Elder Law, Estate Planning and Special Needs Law. She received her undergraduate degree in 1990 from Tulane University in New Orleans, cum laude. She earned her law degree from Boston College Law School and received an LL.M. in Estate Planning from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Samantha currently serves on the Board of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and as Chair of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Trust and Estates Committee. Formerly the Chair of the Missouri Bar Elder Law Committee and past President of the Missouri Chapter of NAELA, she is an accredited attorney with the Veterans Administration and is Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation in both Kansas and Missouri. She is the founder and managing attorney of the firm.

* Certified Elder Law Attorney as certified by the National Elder Law Foundation. Neither the Supreme Court of Missouri nor the Missouri Bar reviews or approves certifying organizations or specialist designations.

We are experienced professionals and our service approach reflects a continuing philosophy of care for you and your family.



Mark Munson JD, LLM, CELA*

Mark joined our firm in 2016. Mark advises clients in Elder Law, Estate Planning, Special Needs Trust, Taxation and Asset Protection.

Mark received a B.S.B. with distinction from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management in 1995 and a JD from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1999. Mark is Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and is also an accredited attorney with the Veterans Administration. Mark serves on the Board for the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Steering Committee for NAELA's Tax Section, the Finance Committee of NAELA, and he is a member of the Trusts and Special Needs Trusts Section. He is a frequent presenter at national elder law educational conferences on the topics of asset protection and taxation of special needs trusts.



Dennis Fowler JD Dennis earned his bachelors degree from William Jewell College in 1976 and his JD from the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law in 1979. Prior to joining our firm in 2015, Dennis practiced with Stilley & Fowler, P.C. in Raytown. Dennis practices in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate and Trust and Estate Administration.