



Barry K. Fowler JD At the start of 2019, Barry K. Fowler joined our team of attorneys at Shepherd Elder Law Group. Barry was born and raised in the state of Arkansas where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of Arkansas in

Fayetteville. Upon graduation, he relocated to Columbia, Missouri where he spent several years working in the insurance industry.

Barry graduated in 2017 from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville School of Law. He was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 2017. His mission to help others took him to Dallas where he worked as an attorney for the United States Small Business Administration – approving disaster loans for hurricane victims. During a Continuing Legal Education seminar in St. Louis, Barry met our Managing Attorney who brought him to Kansas City to serve our elderly and special needs populations. He is a great fit for our team, and, despite the possible confusion, is no relation to attorney, Dennis Fowler, also of SELG.



Kristen (Harper) Armstrong JD joined the Shepherd Elder Law Group, LLC in 2017. A native and current resident of Hutchinson, Kristen manages the firm's Hutchinson location. Kristen graduated from Hutchinson Community College

and earned a Bachelor's degree (with honors) from Wichita State University. During law school, Kristen served as the president of the UMKC Estates & Trusts Society and was inducted into Phi Delta Phi, a legal honor society.

Kristen is a member of the Young Professionals of Reno County, serves on the Advisory Council, is a past chair of the Connections Team and is a volunteer on the Voice Committee. She also serves on the Reno County 4-H Program Development Committee and Secretary of the Reno County Extension Board. Kristen is an adjunct instructor at Hutchinson Community College for the Paralegal Studies Program. Kristen is a member of the Reno County Bar Association, NAELA, and serves on the Kansas NAELA Education Committee.

Areas of practice

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

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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.

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

Special Needs Trusts

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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. Formerly the Chair of the Missouri Bar Elder Law Committee and KC Metropolitan Bar Association Trust and Estates 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.



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.

*Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation, as accredited by the American Bar Association



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Mark Munson JD, 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.



Maureen Lester JD Maureen joined our firm in 2013. Maureen practices in the areas of Elder Law, Estate Planning and Special Needs Law. Born and raised in Overland Park, Maureen graduated from the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law in 2014.

Maureen serves on the Board of the Missouri Chapter of NAELA, where she chairs the Education Committee. Maureen is an accredited attorney with the Veterans Administration. She also serves as the Vice Chair of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Trust and Estates Committee, the Chair of the Education Committee of Kansas NAELA and is an active volunteer with Amethyst Place, a women's shelter in downtown Kansas City.