



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.

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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* is the firm's founder and Managing Attorney and 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.

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



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.



Cory B. Upson JD Cory was born in Kansas City and raised in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He attended Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion. Cory then moved back to KC to attend Saint Paul School of Theology.

He graduated from Saint Paul in 2012 with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies and served as a young adult minister for three years before being drawn to law school. Cory enrolled at UMKC School of Law in 2016 and graduated in May of 2019 with his Juris Doctorate. After passing the Missouri Bar, Cory joined Shepherd Elder Law Group in September 2019 as an Associate Attorney. Cory lives in North Kansas City with his wife, Jessica. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, reading, attempting to play guitar, and traveling.