

## Probate & Estate Litigation

We provide a broad spectrum of probate and trust litigation services representing both individuals and corporate fiduciaries who are involved in disputes regarding wills, trusts and estates.

Our attorneys have experience with virtually all litigation issues that might arise in the course of administration of a trust or estate, including:

- Will contests
- Alleged mismanagement of a trust or guardianship
- Probate accountings
- Creditor's claims
- Actions brought against personal representatives or trustees
- All aspects of federal and state tax litigation
- Negotiation and mediation of settlements

With our primary focus on avoiding litigation for our clients, we provide advice to fiduciaries on opening and administering probate estates, minimizing taxes, gathering, protecting and investing the assets, and distributing assets to the appropriate beneficiaries.

Managing the affairs of a trust or estate requires strict adherence to complex state and federal laws and regulations, and we advise clients so they can comply with these laws and regulations.

### News

Lowndes Named to 2025 "Best Law Firms" by *Best Lawyers*  
11.07.2024 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Three Lowndes Attorneys Recognized Among *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite  
Notable Women Leaders in Law  
12.02.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes Named to 2024 "Best Law Firms" by *Best Lawyers*  
11.10.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

22 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2020 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
06.04.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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### Related Professionals

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### Related Expertise

Estate & Trust Administration

Estate Planning

Guardianship

Private Wealth

Wealth Planning

Wills & Trusts

## Publications

Start 2025 Right: Update Your Estate Plan with a Preneed Guardianship Designation  
01.16.2025 | ARTICLE

A Dangerous Curve Ahead: Access to Florida Guardianship Proceedings at Risk  
09.09.2020 | ARTICLE