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Ellis is a Member in the firm's Norfolk office where her practice focuses on trust and estate matters and transfer and fiduciary taxation. Ellis, a Suffolk native, comes to the trusts and estates arena naturally as the daughter of a trusts and estates attorney. Her estate planning work includes thinking through the complex intersection of family succession and tax planning to implement thoughtful and efficient estate plans for her clients. Her estate planning work often intersects with tax planning, which is a crucial part of the operation of a holistic and well-rounded estate plan both during life and after death. In addition to the planning component of trusts and estates, Ellis also assists clients and their families in the probate and administration of estates and the administration, modification, and termination of trusts.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- Norfolk Trusts and Estates; *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, 2021-2023
- Top Lawyers; *CoVaBIZ Magazine*, 2020-2023
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2018-2022
- Norfolk Portsmouth Bar Association's Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award, 2021
- Top 40 Under 40, *Inside Business*, 2020
- Millennial on the Move, *CoVaBIZ Magazine*, June 2018
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Karon O. Bowdre; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, 2012-2013
- James W.H. Stewart Tax Law Award, 2012
- Managing Editor; *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*
- Order of the Coif
- Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Circle

ASSOCIATIONS

- Virginia Bar Association
 - Wills, Trusts & Estates Section Legislative Committee
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Downtown Norfolk Council; Board of Directors
- Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council; Board of Directors
- Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast Council; Board of Directors, 2016-2021
- Hampton Roads Gift Planning Council; Board of Directors, 2014 - 2019
- Hampton Roads Community Foundation; Professional Advisory Committee
- ACCESS College Foundation; Board of Directors; Batten Legacy Society Advisory Council
- Downtown 100; Member, 2014 - 2019
 - Steering Committee and Projects Committee
- LEAD Hampton Roads; Graduate, Class of 2018

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia, 2012

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia; B.A., 2009
- Washington and Lee University School of Law; J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Issues that Arise After Death and Prior to Qualification," 41st Annual Trusts & Estates Seminar, October 2022
- Speaker, "Issues that Arise After Death and Prior to Qualification," 40th Annual Trusts & Estates Seminar, October 2021
- Speaker, "Four Weeks & A Funeral: Considerations for the Two Weeks Prior to Death and the Two Weeks After Death," The Conner-Zaritsky 41st Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar, April 2021
- Speaker, "Income and Estate Tax Planning: What to Expect from the Biden Administration," Virginia Lawyers Weekly Webinar, March 17, 2021
- Speaker, "Fiduciary Income Tax Issues: From Death to Trust Termination," 38th Annual Trusts & Estates Seminar October 2019
- Moderator, 37th Annual Trusts & Estates Seminar October 2018

PRESS AND PUBLICATION

- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2023 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2022
- Estate Planning Techniques for Increasing Interest Rates, *Trust & Estates Newsletter*, Virginia State Bar Trusts and Estates Section, Summer 2022
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers In America*© 2023, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 8 Named "Ones To Watch"
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2022 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 52 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2021
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2021 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2020
- 46 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America* 2021 and 5 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 7 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2020 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2019
- Fiduciary Income Tax Update, Virginia State Bar's *Trusts and Estates Newsletter*, Spring 2019
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2018
- Decanting: Not Just for Wine Anymore - Virginia's Adoption of the Uniform Trust Decanting Act, Virginia State Bar's *Trusts and Estates Newsletter*, Fall 2017
- Private Client Services Update - A Taxing Campaign: Clinton and Trump's Individual, Estate and Gift Tax Plans
- Private Client Services Update - 2017 Virginia Legislative Update - Trusts, Estates & Elder Law Changes
- Private Client Services Update - Switch It, Change It, Re-arrange It: The Modification and Termination of Charitable Trusts
- Private Client Services Update - Estate Planning for Digital Assets and Digital Access: Bill Proposes to Adopt the