

## Cathy L. Thayer

MEMBER OF MGD LAW, LLC

Cathy brings over fifteen years of experience helping families with trust, estate, and charitable planning. She has a passion for understanding clients' circumstances and needs so as to provide customized solutions for their estate planning needs. Prior to working at MGD Law, Cathy served as Senior Vice President, Senior Trust Officer at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. In her role there, Cathy administered investment and trust accounts for U.S. Trust's high net worth clients. She led a weekly fiduciary roundtable to spot issues, brainstorm solutions and educate other Trust Officers on complex fiduciary matters. In addition, she proactively identified and evaluated fiduciary problems to help prevent and mitigate risk for the Bank and her clients. She drove a culture of unique, proactive problem solving.

Cathy began her career as an attorney at a large St. Louis-based law firm with a significant estate-planning department, assisting high-net-worth clients with estate planning and tax strategies. She proposed, created and implemented sophisticated estate plans. She enjoyed working with clients and their families to educate them and ensure they understood, and were comfortable with, their estate plan. In addition, she partnered with their financial advisors to ensure a seamless plan.

Cathy is an active member of the Missouri Bar and the Probate and Trust Section of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

### EDUCATION

- **Maryville University** B.S. IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, 2000
- **St. Louis University School of Law** J.D., 2004

### ADMISSIONS

- **Missouri** 2004
- **Illinois** 2005, INACTIVE

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- **Missouri Bar**
- **Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**

### PRACTICE AREAS

#### Estate and Wealth Planning

Advice for Trustees &  
Personal Representatives

Trust and Estate  
Administration

Charitable Planning

Tax Advice

Estate Tax, Gift Tax,  
Generation-Skipping  
Transfer Tax, and Fiduciary  
Income Tax Law

Charitable & Nonprofit  
Advice

Post Death Administration

Advanced Planning

Closely Held Businesses,  
Succession Planning

Premarital and Post-  
Marital Agreements

Fiduciary Litigation

Guardianships &  
Conservatorships

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#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- **Memory Care Home Solutions Volunteer of the Year** THAYER FAMILY - 2013

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#### **COMMUNITY BOARDS**

- **The Woman's Exchange of St. Louis** PAST CHAIR OF DEVELOPMENT
- **Crisis Nursery** PAST MEMBER OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD