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PRACTICE AREAS

- Estate Planning & Probate

Beth Weems Bradley's practice primarily focuses on probate matters, including estate planning, administering both complex and simple estates and trusts, and addressing the needs of the disabled through guardianships and conservatorships.

She is often appointed by the Courts as a guardian ad litem, conducting investigations and filing reports with recommendations regarding the best interests of disabled individuals and minors. Serving frequently as a substitute judge in Probate Court, Beth Weems Bradley has been a member of the American Bar Association for over 30 years.

Ms. Bradley has been recognized by Mid-South Super Lawyers in the areas of Estate and Probate since 2014. She also has also been listed in The Best Lawyers® in America publication regarding Trusts and Estates from 2016 to present. Bradley frequently lectures for the Memphis Bar Association and other organizations on probate-related matters.

Ms. Bradley is one of three attorneys selected to represent Memphis on the state-wide Tennessee Probate Study Group which is tasked with reviewing and preparing probate-related legislature. She was also selected by the Probate Court Judges to work with a small group of other practitioners to re-write the Local Rules for the Probate Court of Shelby County, Tennessee. Bradley also served as the Section Representative for the Wills & Probate Section on the Board of Directors for the Memphis Bar Association. She is a member of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association.

EDUCATION

- Vanderbilt University (J.D., 1987)
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., 1984), magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Named Best Lawyer® for Trusts and Estates in the Memphis area (2016-2024)
- Representative for Memphis, Tennessee Probate Study Group
- Member, Memphis Estate Planning Council
- Member, Leo Bearman, Sr. Inns of Court
- Chair, Trustee Governance Committee
- Vice-president, Memphis Bar Foundation
- Board Member, Memphis Bar Foundation (Elected 2014)
- Member, Shelby County, Tennessee Probate Court Local Rules Committee (2015)
- Listed in Best Lawyers in the area of Trusts and Estates (2016-2021)
- Named to Mid-South Super Lawyers list in the area of Estate Planning & Probate (2014-2020)



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- Fellow, Memphis Bar Foundation (Elected 2014)
- Member, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association
- Member, Association for Women Attorneys, Memphis Chapter
- Board of Directors, Wills & Probate Section of the Memphis Bar Association Phi Beta Kappa
- Who's Who in American Colleges
- Recipient, Prix d'Excellence, Memphis Shelby County Scholarship
- Finalist, Johnson, Swanson Outstanding Appellate Oralist Award

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

- Co-author, "[Defending Conservatorships in the Face of the #FreeBritney Movement](#)," Tennessee Bar Journal, January/February 2022.
- Panelist, "Conservatorship Practice Tips During COVID 19," Zoom webinar sponsored by Probate and Estate Planning Section of MBA (November 2020)
- Guest presenter, "Let's Talk Business," with Host Kelly Bolton, GHS-TV (January, 2020)
- Presenter, "Training for the Guardian ad Litem in Conservatorship Proceedings," sponsored by the Community Legal Center (April 2018)
- Presenter with Ryan Saharovich, "Wills, Estates, and Probate: Oh My!" Annual Fall Seminar sponsored by Greater Memphis Paralegal Alliance (October 2017)
- Presenter, "Wills and Probate Issues," [MALS Pre-Clinic Primer: Common Topics at the Saturday Legal Clinics](#) sponsored by the Association for Women Attorneys and A Step Ahead Foundation (March 2017)
- Presenter, "The Conservatorship Petition," sponsored by the [Estate Planning/Probate Law Section of the Memphis Bar Association and Community Legal Center](#) (March 2017)
- Presenter with Judges and others: Guardian ad Litem Seminar benefitting MALS (December 2014)
- Presenter, "Estate Administration From Start to Finish," National Business Institute (October 2014)
- Presenter with Judge, Kirby Pines Resident's Meeting on Probate Matters (January 2014)
- Presenter with Judge, "Probate from Both Sides of the Bench," sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association (December 2013)
- Panel Member with Probate Judges on televised broadcast, "A Question of Law" (November 2013)
- Presenter and Panel Moderator with Judges and others, "Guardianships and Conservatorships: As Amended Effective July 1, 2013," sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association (August 2013)
- Presenter, "Protecting the Vulnerable: Guardianships and Conservatorships," sponsored by Memphis Area Legal Services (October 2012)
- Presenter, "Probate Administration," a special presentation requested by Rhodes College (May 2012)
- Presenter and Panel Moderator, "Protecting the Vulnerable: Guardianships and Conservatorships," University of Memphis Law School seminar sponsored by the Alumnae Association (October 2011)
- Presenter, "Injunctive Relief – The Role of the Guardian Ad Litem in Protecting the Respondent Prior to the Hearing and How to Accomplish It," sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association (September 2011)
- Presenter, "Advanced Directives and Powers of Attorney," sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association (September 2010)
- Presenter with Judges and others, "Training for Guardian Ad Litem in Conservatorship and Guardianship Matters," sponsored by the Wills and Probate Section of the Memphis Bar Association and Memphis Area Legal Services (October 2009)



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Beth Weems Bradley

- Presenter, "Use of ADR in Probate Court," sponsored by the ADR section of the Memphis Bar Association (May 2009)
- Presenter, "Guardianships and Conservatorships," Memphis Bar Association's Estate Planning Series (October 2006)
- Presenter, "Basic Probate Procedures and Practices in Tennessee," National Business Institute, Memphis, Tennessee (July 2005)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, John Dustin Buckman Trust Advisory Panel
- Founding Board Member, Exceptional Foundation of West Tennessee
- Board Member, St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School Board of Trustees
- Volunteer, Blessings Sunday School Class for the disabled, Christ United Methodist Church
- Volunteer, Room in the Inn, ministry for the unsheltered
- Volunteer, 2nd Saturday Legal Aid Clinic, Sponsored by Memphis Area Legal Services

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Tennessee, 1988

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Tennessee Bar Association

Memphis Bar Association