PRACTICES

Private Client
Trust and Estate Litigation
Family Office and Trust Companies
Trust and Estate Planning and Administration

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2016

University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2008

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois
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COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Central District of Illinois
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Maureen Mullen

Of Counsel

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Maureen helps resolve complex trust and estate disputes and counsels clients through every step of the planning process.

Maureen's sophisticated, proactive approach to complex trust litigation helps position clients to effectively resolve highly contentious trust and estate disputes. She employs practical solutions to resolve complicated matters efficiently, wards off potential disagreements whenever possible, and helps protect generational wealth for her high net worth clients.

Maureen draws on extensive experience and understanding of her clients' unique needs to anticipate and address potential issues before they arise or escalate, counseling trustees and executors throughout the entire administration process to avoid litigation and limit liability when possible. Additionally, Maureen creates custom estate plans to achieve her clients' wealth transfer goals, minimize taxes, and preserve family harmony.

Maureen represents financial corporations, individuals, fiduciaries, family members, and charities in disputes between trustees, executors, and beneficiaries.

Before she joined Holland & Hart, Maureen worked as an associate in the Private Wealth Group at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago.

EXPERIENCE

Complex Trust and Estate Disputes involving:

- Undue influence
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Tortious interference
- Beneficiary disputes
- Fraud
- Determinations of beneficiary interests
- Will and trust construction and reformation proceedings
- Will and trust contests
- Intra-family disputes
- Family settlement agreements
- Creditors' claims
- Beneficiary-trustee disputes
- Acquisition of the decedent's assets
- Fiduciary removal and surcharge proceedings
- Contested accounting proceedings

- Guardianship proceedings
- Investigations and proceedings involving the Internal Revenue Service and other federal, state and local agencies and authorities.
- Compliance, regulatory and related issues

High Net Worth Estate Planning and Administration

- Tax-optimized strategies for wills and trusts
- Revocable trusts
- Irrevocable gift, GRAT, QPRT and life insurance trusts
- Asset protection trusts
- Charitable giving plans
- Lifetime family giving plans
- Intergenerational Wealth
- Estate and Gift Tax Reduction

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- The Lawyers Club of Chicago, Board of Directors, Director, 2018-Present
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, New York Bar Association National Moot Court Team, Coach, 2017-Present
- Chicago Bar Association, Member