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OVERVIEW

Chloe assists clients with estate planning, fiduciary litigation, commercial bankruptcy, environmental regulations, and equine law. She practices from Columbia, Missouri as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

A member of the firm's Private Wealth team, Chloe works with clients with net worths of up to \$100 million, advising on tax planning, gifting strategies and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and optimum beneficiary designations. She regularly drafts wills, powers of attorney, and various trust agreements including special needs trusts, residence trusts, irrevocable gifting trusts, ILITs, SLATs, CRUTs, premarital agreements, nonjudicial settlement agreements, and trustee modifications. In addition to her work with estate planning, Chloe also assists with estate and fiduciary litigation, drafting motions for summary judgment, interrogatories, and protective orders. She represents both individuals as well as banks serving as trustees who find themselves in the midst of litigation while executing their fiduciary duties. Chloe also draws on her financial knowledge to represent commercial creditors in bankruptcy and insolvency matters.

Chloe enjoys working hand in hand with clients, helping them provide for their families' future. She often works with individuals and families in stressful and highly personal situations, and she values the opportunity to walk clients through difficult circumstances. Known for her approachability, Chloe loves helping people and appreciates working in a field where she can do so every day.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Service

Private Wealth

Thanks to her own passion for horses, Chloe has a special interest in estate plans that relate to the equestrian world and loves helping clients make plans for equestrian businesses as well as for their own horses. In fact, her original career plan had been veterinary science until she realized the emotional toll the work would take. Alongside her equine-related estate planning work, Chloe drafts and negotiates contracts for horse purchases and sales. She also represents clients in disputes over equine ownership rights.

In addition, Chloe also provides support for various environmental law matters. At the beginning of her legal career, she served as an attorney advisor for the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the agency responsible for adopting the state's environmental regulations and deciding contested environmental cases. Chloe, who is personally passionate about environmental issues, continues to advise clients on matters involving the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act; and state environmental permitting questions.

Experience

- Prepare estate planning documents for clients whose net worth ranges from \$1-100+ million, including wills, powers of attorney, and various trust agreements including special needs trusts, residence trusts, irrevocable gifting trusts, ILITs, SLATs, CRUTs, premarital agreements, nonjudicial settlement agreements, trustee modifications, and documents relating to trust administration and probate pleadings.
- Advise clients and review tax code regarding gift taxes, generation-skipping transfer taxes, and selection of optimum beneficiary designations for retirement assets and investments.
- Draft promissory notes, assignments of interest, and counsel clients regarding transfer of business interests.

Education

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law
 - *cum laude*
- B.S., University of Missouri-Columbia

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

*Chloe works remotely and is licensed in Missouri, practicing in Columbia, MO. Contact Cloe via email or phone for in-person/virtual meetings. Use the St. Louis office address for mail/deliveries only.