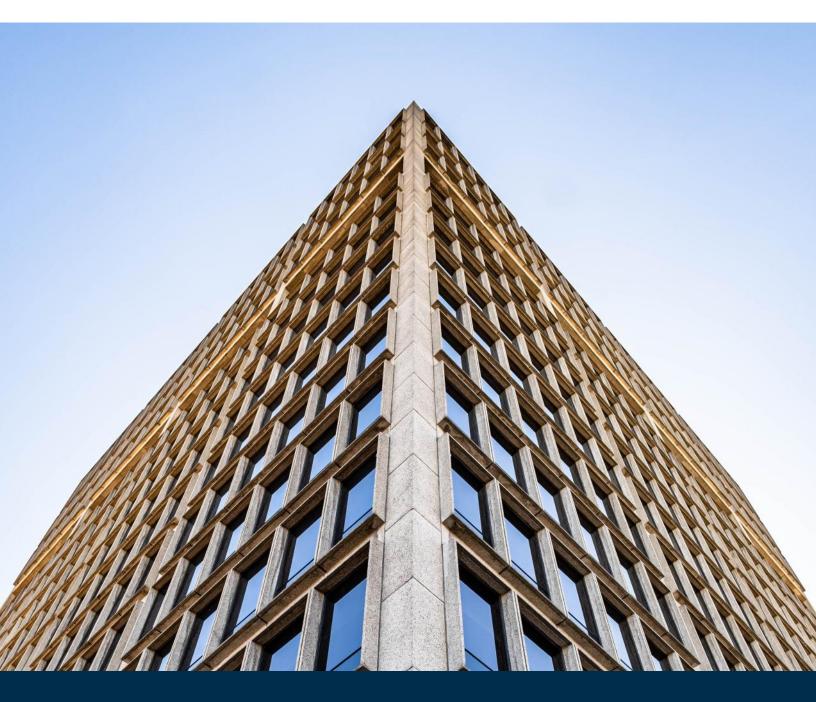
## TABITHA L. ATWELL

Principal Attorney





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A respected voice in elder law and estate planning, Tabitha helps individuals and families plan for life's most personal transitions with clarity and care. Her extensive experience includes estate planning, probate, and trust administration, as well as establishing guardianships and conservatorships for both adults and minors.

She is known for her compassionate and strategic approach to planning for incapacity, special needs, and long-term care — particularly for individuals affected by dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other life-altering conditions. Clients value her ability to navigate complex issues with sensitivity, ensuring their loved ones are protected and their wishes honored.

#### **Education**

**J.D.**, 2002 St. Louis University School of Law **B.A.**, 1999 Carthage College Business Administration & Marketing

#### **Admissions**

Missouri, Illinois

#### **Practice Areas**

Estate Planning; Administration of Trusts & Estates; Contested Wills, Trusts & Estates; Powers of Attorney; Planning for Individuals with Special Needs; Probate; Guardianships & Conservatorships

#### **Associations**

The Missouri Bar, Elder Law Committee; National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; St. Louis Financial Symposium, former planning committee chair; Society of Financial Service Professionals; WealthCounsel



## Trusted Guidance. **TAILORED FOR YOU.**

Tabitha Atwell brings a rare blend of warmth, clarity, and precision to some of our firm's most sensitive legal matters. Whether helping families plan for the future, navigate probate, or set up protections for a loved one with special needs, Tabitha approaches every client with patience, empathy, and unwavering professionalism. Her calm, reassuring presence has become a cornerstone of our estate planning and elder law practice.

Her work goes beyond legal documents. Through active involvement in elder law organizations and a deep commitment to client care, Tabitha continues to raise the bar for thoughtful, relationship-driven legal service.



"Your legacy is more than what you leave behind. It's the care and intention you put into protecting what matters most, starting today."

— Tabitha L. Atwell

### 20+ Years of Legal Expertise

Tabitha has spent her career guiding individuals and families through life's most personal and pivotal legal decisions.

### **Hundreds of Legal Matters Represented**

From wills and trusts to probate and special needs planning, she provides clarity and structure in times of uncertainty.

## Leader in Elder & Special Needs Law

Tabitha is a key voice in Missouri's elder law community and an advocate for families planning for long-term care and legacy.



## Estate **PLANNING**

Estate planning isn't just about documents — it's about making intentional choices that shape your legacy and protect the people you love.

Whether you're starting from scratch or updating an existing plan, thoughtful estate planning ensures your wishes are honored, your assets are protected, and your family is supported when it matters most

Planning for your legacy can feel overwhelming, but with experienced guidance, they become opportunities: to care for your family, to preserve what you've built, and to make the process easier for those who come after you.

Trust Danna McKitrick to protect your wishes, ease the burden on your loved ones, and guide you every step of the way.





## **Estate Planning**

Helping individuals and families protect their assets, plan for the future, and leave behind a meaningful legacy.

#### **Trusts & Wills**

Personalized wills and trusts that reflect your wishes and provide clarity for your loved ones.

## Administration of Trusts & Wills

Guiding families through the legal and financial responsibilities of carrying out a loved one's final wishes.

## Contested Wills, Trusts & Estates

Navigating disputes with care and confidence when questions arise over the validity or fairness of an estate plan.

## **Powers of Attorney**

Preparing legal tools that authorize trusted individuals to make decisions on your behalf if you're unable to.

#### **Probate**

Assisting families in navigating the probate process, from court filings to final distributions.

Learn more about our probate services on pages 10–11.

## Care with CONFIDENCE

Guardianships and conservatorships are often pursued in life's most difficult moments when a loved one can no longer make safe or informed decisions alone.

These legal tools provide a path to step in, take responsibility, and ensure someone's personal and financial well-being is protected.

From navigating court procedures to understanding the duties involved, the process demands clarity, sensitivity, and care. Every situation is different, but the goal remains the same: to safeguard the dignity and future of a loved one who needs assistance.

At Danna McKitrick, we provide steady legal support when you need to step in and do what's right, for your family, and for the ones who depend on you.





## Guardianships & Conservatorships for Adults

When an adult is no longer able to make informed decisions about medical care, finances, or daily living, the court can appoint a guardian or conservator to act on their behalf. This is often necessary in cases involving dementia, brain injury, developmental disabilities, or mental health conditions.

## Guardianships & Conservatorships for Minors

If a child under 18 needs care due to the loss or incapacity of a parent, the court may appoint a guardian to make personal, educational, and medical decisions. A conservatorship may also be needed to manage financial assets such as inheritances or settlements.

#### **Our Assistance Includes:**

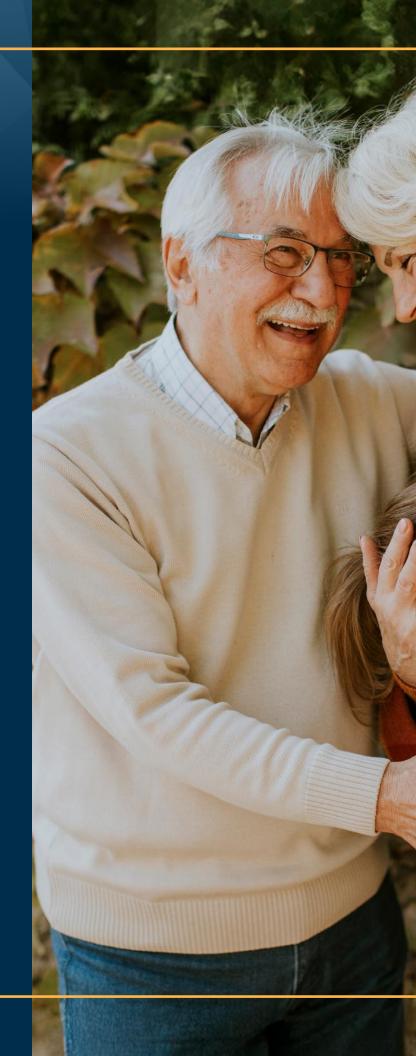
- ✓ Filing petitions for guardianship and conservatorship
- ✓ Managing court requirements
- ✓ Handling financial conservatorships
- Exploring alternatives to guardianship when appropriate
- ✓ Planning for smooth transitions in special needs cases
- Restoring rights when individuals regain decisionmaking capacity

## Navigating **PROBATE**

We guide families and executors through probate with care, patience, and compassion. Losing a loved one is never easy, and handling their estate can feel overwhelming in the midst of grief. We work closely with families and personal representatives to ease the burden while helping focus on what matters most.

Whether navigating court procedures, resolving disputes, or managing estate responsibilities, our approach is thoughtful, responsive, and grounded in experience.

Let Danna McKitrick support you with steady guidance and thoughtful legal care. We understand how personal this process is, and we're here to shoulder the legal complexities so you don't have to carry them alone. Together, we'll help you honor your loved one's wishes.





### **Understanding Probate**

When probate is required, how it works, and what steps are involved in settling an estate.

### **Executor Guidance**

Helping executors and personal representatives fulfill their legal duties with confidence and compliance.

## Court Filings & Asset Management

Handling all probate filings, asset valuations, debt resolution, and final distributions with accuracy and care.

## Avoiding Probate Through Planning

Advising on trusts, beneficiary designations, and other tools to bypass probate and streamline inheritance.

## **Resolving Probate Disputes**

Representing clients in will contests, heirship claims, and allegations of mismanagement or undue influence.

## **Compassionate Support**

Providing steady guidance during a difficult time, ensuring your loved ones' estates are administered efficiently and lawfully.

# About **DANNA MCKITRICK**

Since our founding, we've built a reputation for delivering strategic, comprehensive legal counsel across a wide range of practice areas. Our attorneys combine deep experience with forward-thinking insight to support businesses, individuals, and organizations navigating today's complex legal environment.

We bring the depth of a larger law firm with the responsiveness and personal attention that set us apart. Clients trust us to offer not just legal answers, but sound strategies, practical solutions, and steady guidance in highstakes moments.

For more than 25 years, we've helped clients meet challenges, seize opportunities, and protect what matters most.





We're trusted across industries for legal insights that protect, defend, and empower. Our full list of practice areas includes:

### **Business & Corporate Law**

- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Advisory
- · Cybersecurity & Data Protection
- · Employment Law
- Franchise Law
- Health Care Law
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- Tax & Accounting
- Workers' Compensation

## Life & Legacy Planning

- Education Law
- Estate Planning
- Guardianships & Conservatorships
- Probate

## Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- Professional Liability Defense
- Public Pensions & Government Litigation

## Trusted Advisors. Tailored Solutions. **Exceptional Results.**





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