

# Claire A. McDonough

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## ASSOCIATE

### Overview

Claire always tells people she didn't go to law school to be a lawyer – she went to law school to be an *estate planning lawyer*. Working at a boutique estate planning law firm in college persuaded her to go to law school. Claire wouldn't want to practice law without the interpersonal component that goes hand in hand with estate planning. She enjoys working with families and helping them plan for the future.

As a member of the firm's Trusts, Estates & Succession Planning Service Group, she focuses on all matters relating to estate planning, succession planning, and trust administration. Specifically, Claire's practice includes trusts, wills, marital property agreements, and powers of attorney. In addition, Claire assists on probate matters and works with the tax team on reviewing income tax returns and filing estate tax returns.

### Experience

Successfully Received the Requisite Authority From the Court for a Hospitality Business to Continue Operation Out of an Estate During a Probate Administration

Advised a Blended Family on Creating Their Estate Plan

Successfully Transferred a Liquor License for a Wisconsin Establishment to the Executor of the Owner's Estate

### Membership & Involvement

- Member: Association for Women Lawyers; Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum; Waukesha County Estate Planning Council

### SERVICES

Trusts, Estates & Succession Planning

### EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A.

### ADMISSIONS

Wisconsin

## Honors

- Selected to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Trusts and Estates: 2024, 2025, 2026

## Firm News

130 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2026 in America  
Firm News, August 21, 2025

93 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2025 in America  
Firm News, August 15, 2024

77 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America  
Firm News, August 17, 2023

## Alerts

Estate Planning Considerations for Blended Families

The IRS Extends Time to Make Portability Election

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