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Kiley Petty Henry structures estate plans and guides families, business owners, and fiduciaries through trust and estate administration so that wealth transfers efficiently and plans hold up when it matters most.

Kiley brings deep legal knowledge and practical fiduciary experience to her estate planning and trust and estate administration practice. Individuals, business owners, family offices, expatriates, and professional athletes turn to her for legally sound, tax-efficient estate plans tailored to their values, goals, and circumstances.

Kiley orchestrates sophisticated estate planning and wealth transfer techniques, helping families honor legacies and optimize tax exposure while preserving assets across generations and international boundaries. Her work spans the full range of estate planning solutions, and she stays current with the evolving tax landscape to ensure plans remain effective as law and circumstances change.

Kiley is equally fluent in trust and estate administration matters. She represents individual and corporate fiduciaries as well as individual and charitable trust beneficiaries in lifetime and post-death trust and estate administration matters. Kiley previously served as a trust advisor at a global financial institution — an experience that gives her an insider's understanding of fiduciary duties, tax obligations, and the practical realities that fiduciaries face. That background informs how she counsels fiduciaries regarding their responsibilities and related tax obligations, and how she advocates for them when disputes involving trusts or estates arise.

Kiley's practice also extends to closely held businesses, nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations, and the intersection of estate planning with business succession. Clients across these areas rely on her to bring both technical rigor and genuine attentiveness to their planning — taking the time to understand what they are trying to accomplish before recommending a path forward.

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2014)
 - *magna cum laude*
- North Dakota State University (B.S., 2009)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- South Dakota

Professional Affiliations

- Governing Council Member and Committee Chair, MSBA Probate and Trust Law Section, 2018-present

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Volunteer at Children's Law Center, 2016-present
- Volunteer at Wills for Heroes, 2021-present

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Trusts and Estates, Minneapolis, 2025-2027
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2026
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2016-2020, 2022-2024
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars," 2022-2024
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers Women's Edition®*, "Rising Stars," 2023-2024
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Legal Writings

- Co-Author, *When is an IRA not an IRA?*, column in Minnesota Lawyer (October 2014)

Select Presentations

- Presenter, *Planning Strategies for the Middle Rich: A Scenario Based Discussion*, Estate Planning for the Middle Rich (2025, 2026)
- Moderator, *Trust Officer Panel*, Probate and Trust Law Section Conference (2022 – 2026)
- Presenter, *Estate Tax Planning and Controversy Update*, Tax Institute (2025)
- Presenter, *Retirement Planning Under the SECURE Act – What You Need to Know About the Latest Updates* (2025)
- Presenter, *Passport to Probate: Estate Planning Pointers for International Clients*, Estate Planning for Snowbirds: Strategies for Advising Clients with Jurisdiction-Hopping Lifestyles (2025)
- Presenter, *Understanding Corporate Trustees: Who Are They and How Do You Work Efficiently With Them?*, Minnesota Paralegal Association Probate and Tax Sectional Quarterly Meeting (2022)
- Presenter, *What Professional Fiduciaries Would Like Attorneys to Consider When Drafting Trusts*, Strategic Trust Planning and Administration – Beyond the Basics (2021)
- Presenter, *Trust Officer Panel*, Probate and Trust Law Section Conference (2021)
- Presenter, *New Lawyer Panel*, Probate and Trust Law Section Conference (2015, 2016)

Insights

December 21, 2017

New Tax Act