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Focus

- Estate Planning
- Trusts
- Probate
- Wealth Transfer

Trusted advisor supporting private clients in minimizing exposure, preserving wealth, and protecting their families. Passionate about building strong relationships and demonstrating value for clients.

Sandra Sheets is dedicated to the practice of estate and tax planning for high-net-worth individuals and families throughout Florida. Her expertise includes estate and trust planning and probate and trust administration, family office structuring, wealth protection, and business succession planning, as well as other estate planning related issues. She also handles dispute resolution matters involving probate, fiduciaries, and beneficiaries. Sandy is well-versed in a diverse array of planning techniques, and works to customize her offerings and advice to address the unique needs of each family and their particular stage of life. A strategic and forward-thinking advisor, she is focused on shepherding the transfer of wealth for generations to come, with an emphasis on asset and tax protection.

Sandra enjoys close-knit and multigenerational rapport with many of her clients. She works in concert with adjacent advisors that include CPAs, financial advisors, and insurance professionals to provide holistic counsel and collaborative support of client goals and objectives. For families and individuals newer to the estate planning process, she considers herself a mentor and confidant. She meets clients where they are and helps them understand the intricacies and nuances of wealth planning surrounding retirement, tax, legacy, healthcare, and business planning. A lifelong learner herself, she is also attuned to the increasingly important role of technology in estate planning, from geographic reach to assisting clients with self-directed plans and endeavors.

Known for her warmth and experience, Sandra frequently collaborates with lawyers in communities across Florida, as well as GrayRobinson colleagues in the corporate, labor and employment, marital and family law, intellectual property, and real estate practice areas, bringing the firm's robust resources to bear when necessary on complex issues and long-range planning for clients.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Trusts and Estates, 2015-2027

- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2009-2026
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite NOTABLE - Women Leaders in Law, 2024
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite, 2007-2008, 2011-2022
    - Hall of Fame, 2018-2023

Insights

- "Career Insights," StrongHER Together, Florida Southern College, October 8, 2026
- "Is Your Family Protected in the Event of an Unexpected Health Crisis?" Florida MD, April 2021
- Co Author, Chapter 12 Fiduciary Accountings, Practice Under the Florida Probate Code Tenth Edition, 2020

Media

- "GrayRobinson Builds Relationships, Growing Where Clients' Needs Are," Central Florida Development Council Blog, November 8, 2024

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
    - Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Section, Books and Media Committee
- Estate Planning Council Polk County
- The Florida Bar
    - Business Law Section
    - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
        - Executive Council
        - Grievance Committee for 10th Judicial Circuit, 2019-2022; Chair 2021-2022
- Bonnet Springs Park
    - Steering Committee, 2019-2022
- Florida Southern College
    - Board of Trustees
- GiveWell Community Foundation
    - Secretary
    - Board Member
- Lakeland Symphony Orchestra
    - Advisory Board
- Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine
    - Board of Trustees
- Leadership Lakeland Alumni Association
- League of Women Voters of Polk County
    - Co-President, 2019-2022
- Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Chapter CP
    - President

Credentials

- J.D., George Washington University College of Law, 1987, With Highest Honors
- B.A., University of Maryland, 1983, *summa cum laude*

- Board-certified by The Florida Bar in Wills, Trusts and Estates

Admissions

- Florida