



Scott B. Peatross

Scott Peatross helps clients with cases involving probate law, including decedent's estates, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships. Scott's background includes experience in Probate Court cases dating back to the beginning of his law practice in 1996, plus years of representing transportation companies, small businesses, and insurers in a variety litigated cases.

Today, Scott's practice focuses exclusively on probate

law. Scott represents clients ranging from Memphis families to trustees, banks, and trust departments. Lawyers in the Memphis community frequently call on Scott to assist with difficult probate cases by serving as a mediator, or as a neutral, professional fiduciary.

The Shelby County Probate Court judges nominated Scott in 2005 to serve as Shelby County's first Public Administrator in the Probate Court, a position that he still holds. In that position, he is entrusted with administering probate cases that are often among the most difficult because of contentious litigation or problems created by a previous fiduciary. Scott Peatross occasionally lectures on aspects of probate law to community groups and to lawyers in CLE seminars, and serves as a Substitute Judge in Probate Court, when requested by the probate judges. Scott balances his professional life with time spent as an avid runner, gardener, father and husband.

In 2014, the national lawyer rating institution, Martindale-Hubbell, awarded Scott its highest rating, "AV." In 2015, Scott was elected as a Fellow of the Memphis Bar Foundation.

Public Office

Shelby County Public Administrator (2005-present). Nominated by the Probate Court judges, this position involves serving as fiduciary (Estate Administrator, Trustee, etc.) on an ad hoc basis in cases where the Probate Court determines that the case calls for a neutral third-party, or person with ability to pursue litigation/legal matters.

Professional Associations and Memberships

Tennessee Bar Association

Memphis Bar Association leadership positions:

- Board of Directors (Probate Section representative), 2012, 2014
- Board of Directors, Executive Committee, 2014
- Chair of Probate & Estate Planning Section (2011-2012)
- Fee Dispute Committee (2007 to present)
- Leadership Forum (Class of 2005-2006)

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Education

- Rhodes College
B.A., 1992
- Tulane University School of Law
Juris Doctor, 1996

Practice Areas

- Estates – Intestate (no will) and Testate (will)
- Trusts – representing trustees and beneficiaries
- Conservatorships of adults with disabilities and seniors
- Guardianships of minors
- Disputed cases in Probate Court, including will contests and executor misconduct



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Maritime Law Association, Member

Memphis Bar Foundation, Fellow

Memphis Better Business Bureau, Volunteer Arbitrator (2000 to present)

Bar Admissions

Tennessee Bar

Arkansas Bar

United States Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit

United States District Court Western District of Tennessee

United States District Court Eastern District of Arkansas

United States District Court Western District of Arkansas

United States District Court Southern District of Illinois