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Natalie advises clients on legal issues and challenges related to estate planning, business planning, tax, and real estate transactions. She meets with clients and develops unique and personally tailored estate plans to help clients achieve their goals and obtain peace of mind. Natalie works with clients on business succession planning, and integrating such planning into a client's estate plan. She provides her clients with in depth estate and business planning by focusing on the uniqueness of individuals and families, as well as their assets and goals. Natalie's goal is to help all of her clients establish tax-sensitive wealth preservation plans and transactions.

Natalie also advises and assists clients with their businesses, whether it be starting a new business, advising in business operations and maintenance, or assisting in a sale or purchase of a business. She enjoys ensuring that clients have adequate assistance in running their business throughout all stages.

While at the University of Oregon School of Law, Natalie gained extensive experience through her pro bono service as an Estate Planning Fellow in the Wills for the Underserved program and as a participant in the Advanced Business Law Clinic. She also served as a research assistant for an estate planning and tax professor. Additionally, she gained valuable experience as a Law Clerk for a business law firm in Ventura, California, where she did tax research and assisted clients with various business matters.

Industries

Privately Held and Family-Owned Businesses

Real Estate and Land Use

Practices

Business Law

Real Estate and Land Use

Tax

Trusts and Estates

Education

B.A., Willamette University
Civic Communication and Media with
a minor in History, Departmental
Honors

J.D., University of Oregon School of
Law
Estate Planning Fellow

LL.M., University of Oregon School of
Law

Admissions

- Oregon State Bar

Honors

- Oregon Super Lawyers® Rising
Star (2023-2024)

“I noticed your pursuit of an LLM beyond the JD, as well as your service work, which all inspire my confidence in your ability to manage my current needs.”

“I just wanted to say thank you so much. I know that I’ve said it before, but myself and my family are grateful that we have you working on our behalf.”

“Thank you for all of your hard work and always being willing to answer my questions.”

THE ADVANTAGE OF WORKING WITH ME

I make sure all of my clients feel seen, heard, and cared for. My goal is to ensure that my clients can talk to me about their needs without feeling anxious, judged, or worried. My service model is based on open communication, honesty, and education. I want to ensure that my clients understand the legal services I’m providing and how I will help them achieve their goals or resolve their problems. I’m organized, efficient, and aim to respond to clients within 24 hours.

PUBLICATIONS

- ["Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting: 'BOI' Oh 'BOI,' Onerous Obligations?" \(2024\)](#)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Wines, Wills & Trusts," *Bridgetown Wealth Management* (2025)
- Building Wealth in Real Estate Panel (2023)
- State & Local Tax, *Portland Tax Forum* (2023)

ORGANIZATIONS

Professional Affiliations

- Campaign Board Member, Lawyers for Literacy, SMART Reading
- Campaign Volunteer Team Captain, SMART Reading (2024 - present)

- Multnomah Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, CLE Committee (2024 - present)
- Oregon State Bar, New Lawyers Division
- Oregon State Bar, New Tax Lawyer Committee
 - Treasurer (present)
 - Secretary (present)
 - Member

PERSONAL INTERESTS

I am a dog mom to Max, who is the best walking, road-tripping, adventure buddy! I am also an avid reader, especially of thrillers, mysteries, and fantasy books. My favorite authors are Karin Slaughter and Ruth Ware. On the weekends you can find me watching women's basketball and cheering on my favorite teams, tending to my plants, or taking long walks in my neighborhood.