



## Lauren Barkan

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, Lauren Barkan is an associate in the Wills, Trusts and Estates practice group at Greenspoon Marder LLP. Ms. Barkan also has experience in tax and corporate work. In her legal career, Ms. Barkan has reviewed, analyzed, and drafted asset distribution options such as revocable or irrevocable trusts, credit shelter trusts, dynasty trusts, and special needs trusts. She has provided counsel to her clients with documentation such as the Healthcare Advanced Directive, the Durable Power of Attorney, Notice of Preneed Guardian, wills, trusts, family liability partnership agreements, and tax-exempt entities.

In her most recent experience, Ms. Barkan served as Chief Counsel for an estate planning software company where she helped launch software in seven states. She developed thorough estate planning documents that included gifting provisions, GST, and expansive trustee and administration provisions for those seven states, including Florida. Ms. Barkan prepared complex LLCs, charitable trusts, and other instruments as needed. She has also served as a speaker on The Best Times to Discuss Estate Planning, and published blogs on matters such as "Hot Topics in Marital Deductions" and "Why Filing Homestead and a Notice of Preneed Guardian is So Important in Florida."

Ms. Barkan received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester. She earned a Juris Doctor degree at the American University Washington College of Law, where she was a member of the Administrative Law Review. Ms. Barkan recently graduated with distinction from the Georgetown University Law Center, achieving a Master of Law degree in Taxation, along with a Certificate in State and Local Tax (S.A.L.T.). She has also been a certified mediator in Palm Beach County.

### Bar Admissions

- Florida

### Education

- LL.M., with distinction, Georgetown University Law Center, Taxation, 2024
  - Certificate in State and Local Tax (S.A.L.T.)
- J.D., American University, Washington College of Law, 1997
  - The Administrative Law Review of the American University, Member
- B.A., University of Rochester, Political Science, 1991
  - Graduate Certificate in Business Management

### Practice Areas

- Wills, Trusts & Estates

- Tax

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

- Community Servant Leaders, Board Member
- Boca Raton Estate Planning Council, Member
- Jewish Federation of Broward County, Women's Executive Circle, Member
- The American Bar Foundation, Member, 2024
  - Taxation Section, Member
  - Real Estate Property Section, Member
  - Trust and Estate Law Section, Member
  - Business Law Section, Member
- Forum on Franchising and Communications Law, Member
- The Florida Bar Association, Member, 2021

## **Publications**

- Author, "Why Filing Homestead and a Notice of Preneed Guardian is So Important in Florida," *Estate Genius* by ProfitSolv, January 9, 2024
- Author, "Hot Topics in Marital Deductions," *Estate Genius* by ProfitSolv, December 4, 2023
- Author, "The Top 10 Attributes Great DPOA's Consider Regardless of The Drafting State," *Estate Genius* by ProfitSolv, September 8, 2023
- The Impact of Divorce on Your Estate Plan

## **News**

- The Impact of Divorce on Your Estate Plan
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Lauren Barkan Appointed to Community Servant Leaders Board