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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law, 2004

Mary Washington College, 2001

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 2004

OVERVIEW

Jessica Booth is a firm shareholder focusing her practice in the areas of wills, trusts, estate planning and administration.

In her practice, Jessica advises individuals in estate planning to develop a personalized plan, to minimize estate taxes payable, and to avoid probate. Jessica also advises fiduciaries and beneficiaries in connection with estate and trust administration.

Jessica has co-authored numerous articles, including:

- Estate Administration Procedures: Why Each Step Is Important
- Premarital Issues in Second Marriages: What to Plan for the Second Time Round
- Estate, Financial and Health Care Planning for Elder Clients

Jessica has also lectured at seminars on topics including:

- Death and Divorce – Estate Planning Considerations

- The Probate Process from Start to Finish – Ethical Considerations

MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia Bar Association
- Virginia Beach Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Past Member of Board of Directors
- Hampton Roads Community Foundation, Professional Advisors Committee Member

HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America, Trusts and Estates, 2025-2027
- Virginia's Legal Elite, Taxes, Estates and Trusts, 2021-2025
- Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Wills, Trusts & Estates, 2016-2018, 2021-2026
- Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star, Estate & Probate, 2019