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PRIMARY PRACTICE

Estate Planning and Administration

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 2012

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, Kentucky, 2012

B.A., University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2008

Major: Journalism
Honors: Summa cum laude

Individuals and families rely on Cathy Hayden to create estate plans that protect what matters most. She helps clients implement their goals through careful planning and guidance on wills, trusts, and the complexities of all other estate planning tools.

Cathy combines technical knowledge with a warm and approachable style that puts clients at ease. She understands that estate planning is about more than preparing documents. It's about helping people make informed decisions with confidence. Cathy translates legal and fiduciary concepts into clear, straightforward advice. She counsels clients in all aspects of their estate planning, such as charitable planning and addressing sensitive or unique personal issues that impact themselves and their families.

Cathy's background as both a private practice attorney and a former institutional trust officer gives her perspective few attorneys can offer. Having worked on the administrative side of estates, she drafts plans that aren't just legally sound, but practically functional for the fiduciaries who will ultimately administer them. That firsthand experience helps her anticipate potential issues, create well-crafted plans, and provide advice that works well on paper and in practice.

Before joining McBrayer, Cathy spent six years in private practice as an estate planning attorney and served for eight years as a trust officer at PNC.

News

IN THE MEDIA - Catherine Hayden Featured in Louisville Business First
November 6, 2026

Experienced Estate Planning Attorney Catherine Hayden Joins McBrayer
August 4, 2026