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HONORS & AWARDS

- Kentucky Super Lawyers®, Rising Star, 2023-2025, Estate & Probate
- Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, 2026-2027, Trusts and Estates

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Estate Planning and Administration

Tax Planning

Business Succession Planning

Estate and Trust Litigation

Sales and Dissolutions

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Business Formation and Planning

ADMISSIONS

Wisconsin, 2025

Florida, 2020

Kentucky, 2018

For Phillip Pearson, empathy is essential. He understands estate planning and administration often involve difficult conversations, tough decisions, and uncomfortable emotions. While many people view legal matters as adversarial, Phillip sees estate planning as a collaborative process in which he and his clients work together toward a shared objective.

Helping others secure their legacies is his passion. By listening attentively and gathering nuanced details about the big picture, he assists clients in navigating the complexities of planning or administering an estate. No matter the specific circumstances, Phillip provides attentive support, responsive communication, and a flexible approach to estate planning.

In addition to his estate planning practice, Phillip also practices in tax planning and corporate law. Outside work, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Katie, their son, Teddy, and their dog, Uno.

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Helps clients develop their overall estate plans.
- Drafts Last Wills and Testaments, Trusts, and ancillary documents such as Powers of Attorney.

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY, 2018

- Honors: *magna cum laude*
- Notable Achievements:
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award - Seminar: Entrepreneurial Law and Practice, 2018
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award - Employment Law, 2017
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award - Mergers & Acquisitions, 2017
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award - Torts II, 2016

B.A., Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, 2015

- *Honors: summa cum laude*
- Notable Achievements: Honors College Graduate, Ogden Foundation Scholar Nominee for Top Overall Student at WKU

- Helps clients with tax preparation for gift tax returns.
- Helps clients change beneficiary designations.
- Assists clients with estate administration, including the opening, handling, and closing of the probate estate of a loved one.

Kentucky Leader

Friends of the Louisville Zoo Board, Member

Professional Activities

Estate Planning Council of Metro Louisville

News

IN THE MEDIA - Fifty McBrayer Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers® for 2027*
August 20, 2026

IN THE MEDIA: Phillip Pearson Featured in Executive Insights on Wealth Management
Louisville Business First, July 24, 2026

McBrayer Estate Planning Group weighs in on Kentucky's 2026 Estate Planning Law Changes
July 22, 2026

Celebrating Excellence: 40 McBrayer Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers
December 16, 2025

McBrayer PLLC Achieves Record-Breaking Recognition in *Best Lawyers in America® 2026*
August 21, 2025

Leading the Way in Legal Excellence: 38 McBrayer Attorneys Honored in 2025 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
December 17, 2024

McBrayer Earns Record Number Named to Super Lawyers Lists for 2024
January 9, 2024

Attorney Phillip Pearson to Speak at Stock Yards Bank & Trust Annual Professional Seminar
November 3, 2023

McBrayer Attorney Phillip Pearson to Speak in DC Bar Association Speaker Series
October 12, 2023

25 McBrayer Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists for 2023
December 29, 2022

Phillip Pearson to Present "Secure Act 2.0: Ways the Proposed Law Could Change Retirement Savings" to Louisville Bar Association Estate Planning Conference
May 25, 2022

Phillip Pearson to Present "Planning for Retirement in Light of the Secure Act and Recently Proposed Regulations" to NAIFA-Kentucky
April 28, 2022

McBrayer Once Again Sees Explosive Growth, Adding Eight New Attorneys in Expansion
November 5, 2021