

# **Kristin Steckbeck Bilinski**

## **Attorney At Law**

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Indiana University Maurer School of Law - Bloomington, Indiana**

Juris Doctorate, May 2007 – Graduated with honors, Cum Laude

- IU Law Merit Scholarship
- Board of Editors, Asst. Articles Editor - Indiana Law Journal
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award
- Forrest E. Jump Memorial Scholarship

#### **University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, Indiana**

BA, Program of Liberal Studies, May 2004 – Graduated with honors, Magna Cum Laude

- Dean's Honor List, all semesters
- Pi Delta Phi French Honors Society
- Howard Hall Resident Assistant, 2003-04
- Howard Hall President, 2002-03

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

#### **Board Certified Indiana Trust & Estate Specialist**

Indiana State Bar Association Trust & Estate Specialty Board

#### **Top Attorney – Estate Planning (Rated 9.9/10)**

[www.avvo.com](http://www.avvo.com)

#### **Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2017-2019**

[www.superlawyers.com](http://www.superlawyers.com)

### **PUBLICATIONS, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, and SEMINARS**

#### **Electronic Signatures: Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney**

Allen County Bar Association, August 2018

#### **Technology for Solos & Small Firms**

Allen County Bar Association, July 2018

**Digital Estate Planning**

Allen County Bar Association, September 2017

**Estate Planning 101**

Shelton Financial Group Seminar, March & May 2017

**Special Needs Trust Basics**

Pathfinder Huntington, April 2017

**Estate Planning Basics**

United Way Education Series, March 2017

**Special Needs Trusts Basics**

Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana, February 2017

**Understanding Estate Planning**

Wise Women Educational Series, August and October 2016

**Special Needs Trusts Basics**

Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana, May 2016

**Guardianship Basics**

Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana, April 2016

**Beneficiary Designations – Pointers and Pitfalls**

Bilinski Law Office Invitation-Only Event, April 2016

**Guardianship Ethics**

Northeast Indiana Allen County Guardianship Council, February 2016

**Do You Really Know Who Your Beneficiaries Are?**

Fort Wayne Business People Magazine, November 2015

**Estate Planning and Administration: Basic, Practical Knowledge That Traditional Law School Courses Won't Teach You**

Indiana Tech Law School, November 2014

**Ethical Issues When Representing a Fiduciary Client**

Allen County Bar Association Seminar, September 2014

**Trusts 101 – Ethical Considerations**

NBI Seminar, August 2014

**Advance Directives 101**

Allen County Bar Association Seminar, May 2014

**Ethical Matters in Representing the Fiduciary**

Indiana Continuing Legal Education Foundation Seminar, July 2013

**Being Thorough to Close the Estate without a Hitch**

NBI Seminar, December 2012

**The Importance of Advance Directives**

Fort Wayne Business People Magazine, November 2012

**The Probate Process from A to Z: The Initial Filing**

NBI Seminar, December 2009

**Probate is Not a Dirty Word: Why You May Not Need a Living Trust**

Fort Wayne Business People Magazine, March 2009

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

**Indiana Supreme Court – Active & In Good Standing**

October 2007 – present

**US District Court, Northern District of Indiana – Active & In Good Standing**

October 2007 - present

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES and PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**Volunteer Lawyer Program of Northeast Indiana**

Pro Bono Volunteer, 2015 - present

**Allen County, Indiana Bar Association - Board of Directors**

Member, 2014 - present

President, 2017 - 2018

President Elect, 2016 - 2017

Secretary, 2015 - 2016

**Allen County, Indiana Bar Association**

Member, 2007 – present

2018 Chair of the Probate, Trust & Tax Section

2014 Vice Chair of the Probate, Trust & Tax Section

**Indiana State Bar Association**

Member, 2007 – present

Probate Council Member, 2018 - present

**Northeast Indiana Coalition for Advance Care Planning (NICA)**

Steering Committee Member, 2014 - present

**Fort Wayne Estate Planning Council - Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Member, 2008 – 2018

**Benjamin Harrison Inns of Court, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Barrister, 2016 – 2017

**Allen County, Indiana Bar Foundation – Board of Directors**

Member, 2016 – 2017

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church – Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Parishioner

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Indiana State Chapter**

OneWalk Fort Wayne Experience Chairperson - 2016

Northern Indiana Family Mentor Chairperson, October 2007 – 2016

Outreach Committee member, 2009-2010

Silver Sneaker Fundraising Award, October 2008

Golden Sneaker Fundraising Award, May 2014

**Reins of Life - South Bend, Indiana**

Volunteer Horse Leader, 2002-04

- Provided horseback riding lessons to physically and mentally handicapped children

**Project Hospitality - Staten Island, New York**

Summer Service Intern, June 2003 - August 2003

- Worked full time in soup kitchen and food pantry, assisted at other Staten Island emergency drop-in shelters