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ATTORNEY | TRUSTS AND ESTATES

Stephanie Lankhorst guides clients through estate planning, trust administration, and probate matters, including international estates with foreign assets.

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PRACTICE AREA

- Trusts and Estates

ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio, 2003

EDUCATION

J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 2002

B.A., Valparaiso University, 2000

MEMBERSHIPS AND HONORS

- Ohio State Bar Association (Women's Law Section)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association
- Board of Deacons, Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairview Park
- Member, Donauschwaben German Club
- Member, Chi Omega Fraternity

> *"Well done is better than well said."*
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> **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

As a former probate court staff attorney, Stephanie Lankhorst (nee Hessler) has experience in various probate matters including:

- Estate and trust administration
- Probate litigation
- Will contests
- Guardianships and conservatorships
- Name changes and adoptions
- Federal and state income and estate tax matters
- Foreign and international estate matters

An experienced estate planning attorney, Stephanie handles International Probate and Trust matters dealing with foreign assets and beneficiaries collecting, reporting, and ultimately distributing assets to the respective beneficiaries. She has worked closely with foreign colleagues who focus on probate law to solve complicated cases with international aspects in the best interest of her clients.

In addition to probate, trust, and administrative matters, Stephanie also provides comprehensive and customized Estate Planning services encompassing:

- Gifting and Estate Tax Planning
- Charitable Planning and Foundations
- Wills and Trusts (Revocable and Irrevocable)
- Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney
- General Powers of Attorney

Stephanie graduated *magna cum laude* from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor's degree in German and International Service where she was also accepted into and graduated from the university's interdisciplinary honors college. She completed law school at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in less than three years, with studies in Russia and Germany. Stephanie is also fluent in German.