

**M. Travis Hayes**

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**Professional Experience:**

Travis Hayes is a shareholder of Grant Fridkin Pearson, P.A and has practiced law in Southwest Florida since 2005. Travis focuses his practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration, and probate and trust litigation. He is a frequent speaker and author on estate planning and estate and trust administration topics. He has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Trusts & Estates since 2018, and he holds an *AV* Preeminent peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Travis is a member of the Executive Council for the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (“RPPTL”) Section of The Florida Bar and currently serves as the Chair of the RPPTL Probate Law and Procedure Committee. He is a past Vice-Chair of the RPPTL Legislation Committee and a past Vice-Chair of the RPPTL Digital Assets and Information Study Committee. Travis is a past Chair of the Probate Rules Committee for The Florida Bar.

Travis is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (“ACTEC”). He currently serves on the Fiduciary Litigation Committee and the Fiduciary Income Tax Committee for ACTEC. He has been named by *Florida Trend* magazine as a “Legal Elite” in Florida, by *Super Lawyers* as a Florida Super Lawyer, and by *Naples Illustrated* as a Top Trusts & Estates Lawyer. Travis was selected as one of the Top 40 under 40 Trusts and Estates attorneys in the State of Florida for 2015 and 2016 by the American Society of Legal Advocates. In recognition of his service to the RPPTL Section, Travis was awarded the At-Large Member of the Year award in 2014 and the Rising Star award in 2018.

Travis is currently serving as President of the Collier County Bar Association. He is a past President of the Collier County Bar Foundation and past Chair of the Trusts & Estates Section of the Collier County Bar Association.

**Education**

University of Miami, LL.M., Estate Planning, 2005  
University of Florida, J.D., 2004  
University of Florida, B.A., Business Administration, 2001

**Bar Admissions**

Florida

**Professional Involvement**

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel  
Fellow  
Member, Fiduciary Litigation Committee  
Member, Fiduciary Income Tax Committee  
Member, Communications Committee  
Graduate, Inaugural Class of the Florida Fellows Institute  
The Florida Bar  
Past Chair, Florida Probate Rules Committee  
Past Member and Chair-Elect, Grievance Committee 20B

Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar  
Member, Executive Council  
Chair, Probate Law and Procedure Committee  
Past Chair, Florida Business Corporation Act Task Force  
Past Vice-Chair, Legislation Committee  
Past Vice-Chair, Digital Assets and Information Study Committee  
Past Vice-Chair, Member Communications and Information Technology Committee  
Past Vice-Chair, Legislative Update Committee  
Member, Trust Law Committee  
Member, Probate and Trust Litigation Committee  
Member, Estate and Trust Tax Planning Committee  
Member, Asset Protection Committee  
Member, Strategic Planning Committee  
Past Lead Circuit Representative for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Collier County Bar Association  
President and Member of the Board of Directors  
Past Chair, Trusts and Estates Section  
Past Chair, Young Lawyers Section  
Estate Planning Council of Naples, Member  
Planned Giving Council of Naples, Member

#### Community Involvement

University of Florida Advisor Network (UFAN), Member  
University of Miami Graduate Program in Estate Planning, Student Advisor  
Ave Maria School of Law, Guest Lecturer  
Collier County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors and Past President  
United Way of Collier County, Past Member of Board of Directors  
David Lawrence Center, Past Member of Young Executives Board of Directors  
Red Cross of Lee County, Past Member of Planned Giving Committee  
Drug-Free Collier Foundation, Past Member of Operations Committee  
Naples Chamber of Commerce, Graduate of the Inaugural Class of the Growing Associates in Naples (“GAIN”) Program

#### Practice Areas: [Trusts & Estates](#)

##### Areas of Concentration:

Representing individuals in their estate planning  
Representing fiduciaries in the administration of estates, trusts and guardianships  
Representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in disputed matters involving estates, trusts and guardianships  
Advising clients in the avoidance and minimization of estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes  
Advising clients in charitable planning  
Advising clients in business succession planning

##### Attorney Publications/Presentations:

Co-Author: *Florida Estate Planning* (treatise published by Thomson-Reuters as part of West’s Florida Practice Series)

Co-Author: “Relationship Dissolution Planning” (a chapter of The Florida Bar practice manual, *Asset Protection in Florida*)

Speaking engagements throughout the State of Florida (including recent presentations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach, Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Sarasota, and Fort Myers) to Bar Associations, Estate Planning Councils, and other Trusts & Estates-related groups.