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MaryEllen is a trusted guide for clients facing life's most difficult transitions. With empathy and clarity, she builds strong, supportive relationships and ensures her clients feel heard, understood, and never alone. More than a legal advisor, MaryEllen is a problem solver who advocates with heart and delivers practical solutions tailored to each unique situation so clients can move forward with confidence.

Education and Bar Admissions

• Indiana University Kelley School of Business, B.S., 1979
• Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1982
• Supreme Court of Indiana, 1983
• U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 1983
• U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 1983
• U.S. Supreme Court, 1989
• U.S. Tax Court, 1983

Practice Areas

Estate & Trust Administration
Estate Planning
Real Estate Litigation

Biography

MaryEllen Bishop is a trusted attorney with more than 40 years of experience in estate and trust planning, probate, and trust litigation. Known for her compassion and integrity, she has earned the confidence of countless individuals and families navigating some of life's most personal and complex legal matters.
A Board-Certified Indiana Trust and Estate Lawyer and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, MaryEllen brings both expertise and empathy to every client relationship. Her dedication to service extends far beyond her legal practice. She served for 12 years on the Indiana University Board of Trustees and remains actively involved in local legal and charitable organizations—all driven by her enduring commitment to helping others thrive.

Accolades, Affiliations and Activities

• American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) – Fellow
• *ICLEF*, Co-chair of the Midwest Estate, Tax & Business Institute, 2011–Present
• Indianapolis Bar Association – Distinguished Fellow
• Indiana State Bar Foundation – Fellow
• *Indiana Super Lawyers,* 2004-2026
  ◦ Top 25 Women
• Indiana Probate Code Study Commission – Two-term Appointee under Governors Frank O'Bannon and Joseph Kernan, 2001-05
• Indiana University – Board of Trustees Member, 2010-22
• *Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review*
  ◦ Rated AV® Preeminent Peer Review
  ◦ Selected inaugural Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, 2011
• Newsletter Editor for the *ISBA Probate, Trust and Real Property* Newsletter
• *The Best Lawyers in America,* 2007-2027
  ◦ Estate Planning and Estate and Trust Litigation
• Trust and Estate Specialty Board – Board-Certified Indiana Trust and Estate Lawyer
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Publications and Presentations

• *Indiana Law Survey*, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, 2014-2022
• "Indiana Law Update," *ICLEF,* 2004-2012
• "What's New in Estate Planning and Administration," *Indianapolis Bar Association*, 2002-2023