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Gerarda M. Culipher represents clients in trust and estate disputes, guardianship litigation, probate proceedings, and related appeals. Her practice focuses on helping beneficiaries, fiduciaries, personal representatives, trustees, guardians, and individuals acting under powers of attorney navigate complex inheritance and fiduciary matters throughout Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Gerarda handles matters involving will contests, trust disputes, allegations of undue influence, breach of fiduciary duty claims, incapacity issues, and beneficiary disputes. She also represents clients in probate and commissioner proceedings, as well as appeals arising from inheritance-related conflicts.

Drawing on more than a decade of leadership within the Fairfax Circuit Court Clerk's Office, where she served as Chief Deputy and Legal Counsel, Gerarda brings substantial knowledge of the court systems and legal processes that impact probate, fiduciary, and estate-related disputes. In that role, she oversaw legal and operational matters involving probate administration, civil litigation, real estate records, and other areas of law.

Before entering private practice, Gerarda served as a legal extern to The Hon. Louis Moore, Jr., United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Magistrate Judge and The Hon. Loren A. Smith, United States Court of Federal Claims. She has also taught legal education courses and served as an adjunct professor of law, sharing her knowledge of Virginia courts, legal procedures, and developments in the practice of law.

Education

- Johns Hopkins University (B.A.)
- Tulane University Law School (J.D.)

State Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Services

- Commercial Litigation

Court Admissions

- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- Virginia Supreme Court