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Anna Gibson is a former Trusts and Estates Practice Group leader in the firm's Lansing office. Her practice focuses on helping families achieve their unique estate planning goals and making the process of incapacity or death easier for their loved ones. This could include use of a will, trust, joint ownership, beneficiary designations, powers of attorney, patient advocates, funeral representatives or other documents.

Anna excels in counseling on both simple and complex situations. These include planning for families with young children, planning techniques for retirement benefits and life insurance, trusts, international estate planning, federal estate and gift tax planning, charitable planned giving, probate and trust administration, asset protection, planning for blended families, as well as succession planning or family businesses.

After graduating first in her class at Ave Maria Law School, Anna went on to earn her ICLE Probate and Estate Planning Certificate as well as her Society of Trust and Estates Practitioners (STEP) Certificate in Foundations.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Performed complex tax analysis, including retirement benefit minimum required distribution and split dollar insurance plans, to generate substantial estate, gift, and income tax savings for clients.
- Created complex trusts to generate income and estate tax savings, including Grantor Returned Annuity Trusts, Irrevocable Life Insurance trusts, Retirement Benefit Trusts, and Generation Skipping Transfer Tax Trusts.
- Helped young families plan for the care and custody of minors if something were to happen to both parents.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Estate Planning  
Trust & Estate Administration  
Trust & Estate Litigation  
Business Succession Planning  
Trusts & Estates

### EDUCATION

Ave Maria School of Law, J.D., 2008,  
*summa cum laude*  
University of Michigan B.A., 2004,  
Business Administration, with honors

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Western  
District of Michigan

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

*Best Lawyers in America*®  
2013-2024 (Trusts and Estates)  
*Michigan Lawyers Weekly* 'Women in  
the Law' Class of 2021  
Tax Student Achievement Award,  
State Bar of Michigan 2008  
*Ave Maria Law Review*  
- Associate Editor, 2006-2007  
- Executive Articles Editor,  
2007-2008



- Established guardianship for care of a minor and incapacitated individuals when no or incomplete estate planning had been done.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Changes to Income Tax May Make for Favorable Roth IRA Conversions**, *Foster Swift Trust & Estates Law News*, February 3, 2021

**The 2012 Federal Estate And Gift Tax: Problem and Opportunity**, *Foster Swift Estate Planning Insights*, Summer 2012

**Common Estate Planning Pitfalls**, *Foster Swift Estate Planning Insights*, Fall 2010

**Roth IRA's, Estate Planning, and the 2010 Conversion**, *Foster Swift Estate Planning Insights*, Winter 2009

**The 2009 Economy, No. 2: Tenancy by the Entirety Property - As An Asset Protection Device**, *Foster Swift Estate & Business Planning Alert*, May 2009

**2009 Changes in Estate and Gift Tax**, *Foster Swift Health Care Law Report*, April 2009

**Discovering Child Pornography: The Death of the Presumption of Innocence**, *6 Ave Maria Law Review* 559, Spring 2008

## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

### **Legal Affiliations:**

- American Bar Association
  - Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Society of Trust and Estate Planning Professionals Student Membership
- State Bar of Michigan

### **Industry & Professional Associations:**

- Elder Law of Michigan, Board of Directors
- Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council (GLEPC)