



Samantha A. Giesey, J.D.

Managing Attorney, Kerlin Walsh Law

Samantha first met Eileen Kerlin Walsh, J.D., at age 14 during a motivational presentation that inspired her early interest in law. After interning with Kerlin Walsh Law in college, she pursued her legal education and returned to the firm as an attorney – a decision she describes as *one of the best of her life*.

Samantha now guides families through estate planning, probate and trust administration, ensuring their wishes are honored, their assets protected and their loved ones cared for. She combines precision, warmth and client-centered guidance to provide families with confidence and lasting peace of mind.

FAVORITE POEM VERSE:

*“So when your eulogy is being read, with
your life’s actions to rehash . . .
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you lived your dash?”*

— *The Dash*
by Linda Ellis



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Estate Planning with Warmth & Competence

Samantha’s career reflects a dedication to excellence, leadership, and compassion. She brings both expertise and heart to every family she serves, ensuring clients feel informed, supported, and empowered throughout the estate planning, probate and trust administration process.

EDUCATION:

- Northern Illinois University
Bachelor of Arts in
Communication, Minor in
Journalism, 2020
- Northern Illinois University
Juris Doctor, College of Law,
2023

HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **2023 Hellene & Edward Fioretti Award** for excellence in professional responsibility and ethics
- **Dean’s List** & Graduated **Summa Cum Laude** - Law School
- **Inaugural Fellow**, ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium
- Graduate Assistant, Office of General Counsel, NIU
- **National Competitor in the ABA Negotiation Competition**
- **2022 Operating Staff Outstanding Service Award** from the NIU Board of Trustees
- Student Bar Association Representative (2L and 3L years)
- Co-Founder & President, Reproductive Rights Association, NIU
- Editor-in-Chief, Northern Star - led 80+ student journalists, multi-time **Illinois Collegiate Associated Press award winner**
- **Presidential Scholarship recipient**, NIU undergraduate program
- Intern, Kerlin Walsh Law - drafted wills, trusts, and estate documents
- Relay For Life Board Member

PERSONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Passionate about mentorship, storytelling, and community impact
- Active in programs that support families, education, and professional growth
- Plays guitar, writes music, and enjoys exploring creativity through songwriting
- Passionate about cooking and sharing meals with family and friends
- Developed a green thumb; enjoys tending a vegetable garden and sharing the harvest
- Dedicated reader, aiming for at least one book per month
- Shares her life with her husband Brandon and their beloved pup Lily

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