### Tucker Ellis



### Christopher T. Teodosio Counsel

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Christopher Teodosio works closely with clients to create estate plans that meet their business and planning objectives.

Chris focuses his practice on estate planning, trust and estate administration, and probate litigation. He understands that his work often involves the most important aspects of our clients' lives, whether that is providing for loved ones, giving to charitable causes, or ensuring a family business continues within the family. Chris works closely with clients to learn their unique concerns, objectives, and family dynamics in order to construct a comprehensive plan that provides them with peace of mind that their wishes will be carried out in an efficient and effective manner. Chris is experienced in preparing a wide range of estate plans, including sophisticated plans involving estate and gift tax issues and succession planning.

Chris also advises fiduciaries in administering estates and trusts, including complex administrations that involve closely held businesses, tax issues, and family conflict. Chris has represented clients in probate litigation involving trust interpretation issues, concealment actions, and breach of fiduciary duty claims.

In his free time, Chris enjoys spending time with family and giving back to the community. He currently serves on the boards of several local non-profit organizations, including Community Legal Aid and Akron Roundtable. He also founded and is the President of the Andrea Rose Teodosio Memorial Foundation, which was created in memory of his late sister and has given to numerous worthy causes. He resides in Munroe Falls, Ohio, with his wife Katherine and three children Charlotte, Ava, and Lily. He is an avid fan of Clemson and Cleveland sports teams.

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#### Education

- The University of Akron School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2012)
- The University of Akron College of Business (M.B.A., 2012)
- Clemson University (B.S., 2009)

#### **State Admissions**

• Ohio, 2012

#### **Federal Admissions**

- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

#### **Service Areas**

- Estates, Trusts & Probate
- Business Litigation
- Real Estate

#### Experience

- Successfully pursued a claim for concealment of assets on behalf of co-executors; the matter was resolved on favorable terms with assets being returned to the decedent's estate
- Successfully represented Trustee in litigation involving two trusts and claims of breach of fiduciary duty; the matter was resolved on favorable terms to the Trustee, with the Trustee not contributing any funds towards settlement
- Successfully represented multiple beneficiaries in a declaratory judgment action involving a trust interpretation issue resulting in a favorable settlement for clients
- Successfully defended a small business and its owner against claims made by a former employer alleging unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, tortious interference with contractual relations, and seeking injunctive relief resulting in the voluntary dismissal of all claims against clients
- Successfully compelled arbitration in a commercial dispute involving a manufacturer
- Successfully litigated several real estate disputes involving breaches of lease agreements, title insurance claims, foreclosures, and evictions

**Publications & Events** 

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

• "How to Write a Will," Hudson Community Foundation Panel, Hudson, Ohio (May 2023)

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#### Honors

- Ohio Lawyer "Fellows Spotlight" (Jan-Mar 2021)
- District 11 Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under, Ohio State Bar Foundation (2020)
- 30 for the Future Award, Greater Akron Chamber (2017)

#### In the Community

- Akron Bar Association
  - » Law Week Committee Chair (2022)
- Akron Bar Foundation
- Ohio State Bar Association
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- The University of Akron Foundation, Gift and Estate Planning Committee
- Akron Community Foundation, Professional Advisor Council
- Akron Roundtable, Board Member
- Community Legal Aid Board, Board of Trustees (2017–present)
  » Vice President (2024)
- The Andrea Rose Teodosio Memorial Foundation, Founder and President (2011-present)
- Sir Thomas More Award Committee, Secretary (2018-present)
- Blossom Music Center
  - » Blossom Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra, Former Board Member (2018-2021)
- Scanlon/Bell Inn of Court, Former Member
- ADM Board, Former Board Member
- Torchbearers, Former Board Member (2015–2018)
- Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services, Former Board Member (2013–2016)