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Donnie is an attorney in the Private Client and Business Succession Planning practice groups. He helps individuals, families, business owners, and organizations prepare for the future by guiding them through estate planning and succession planning processes. Donnie also assists nonprofit organizations navigate the stringent requirements for entity formation, tax-exempt status, and state charitable solicitation registration.

Donnie graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2007, and served in the military until 2015. During his tenure, he deployed to Afghanistan and Kuwait. In Afghanistan, Donnie served as the Chief of Contracting for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force–Afghanistan, where his team’s mission was supporting U.S. special operators and Afghan partners by negotiating and overseeing contracts for supplies and services. His military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Following his military career, Donnie was employed by a Fortune 500 company as a senior project manager and was responsible for planning and launching new service operations.

Donnie earned an MBA from Webster University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from The Ohio State Michael E. Moritz College of Law, where he was a managing editor of the *Ohio State Law Journal* and was recognized as a Michael E. Moritz Scholar in Law.

Speeches and Publications

Author, “Opinion: Don’t let the cries of our Afghan allies fall silent,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, Aug. 19 2021.

Author, “The Case for Overturning *Carter* to Protect Contract Clause Rights Through Section 1983 Claims,” *Ohio State Law Journal Online*, Feb. 2020.

Awards

- Taft Pro Bono Honor Roll Award(2022)

Professional Memberships

Ohio State Bar Association | Cincinnati Bar Association | Kentucky Bar Association | Montgomery Citizens’ Leadership Academy Member, Class of 2020



Practices

Private Client
Estate Planning
Business Succession Planning
Probate and Trust Administration
Corporate Governance

Industries

Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations

Education

J.D., The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (2020)

MBA, Webster University (2009)

United States Air Force Academy (2007)

Admissions

State - Ohio

State - Kentucky