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My Journey From Policy to Practice

BY ALEXANDRA WIZDA

AS A RECENT POLITICAL SCIENCE graduate, I envisioned my future rooted firmly in government. I was drawn to public service, with a desire to shape policy. My academic experience, research, and work in my home-state's legislature reinforced these goals. I was captivated by the idea of concepts transforming into reality through policymaking. However, my time in that environment also exposed me to the impact legislation ultimately has on individuals' lives. I began to notice how policies are often debated and enacted in abstract terms, sometimes removed from the day-to-day realities of the people they govern.

Over time, my perspective began to shift. I became increasingly intrigued not just by how laws are created, but how they are applied. Considering the work of legal professionals, they can translate policy into tangible outcomes for real people. In my view, this is where meaningful impact can be made.

I decided to move across the country to Illinois to pursue a position at a family law firm before committing to law school. By immersing myself in a legal environment firsthand, I have been able to observe how legal professionals operate at an individual level, in contrast to the broader scope of

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National Healthcare Decisions Day

BY KAREN ALICE KLOPPE

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS Day is April 16, 2026. This event is part of a public awareness initiative designed to promote the use of advance directives to plan for and document medical wishes in the event of an emergency when an adult may not be able to act or make decisions.

One type of advance directive is a Power of Attorney. Illinois law provides for two statutory short forms: (1) a "Power of Attorney for Health Care" and (2) a "Power of Attorney for Property." By completing these forms, an adult can name trusted

individuals to serve as an agent and a successor agent, plus designate the powers being delegated to handle health care and property or financial matters. Both forms can be completed at Illinois Legal Aid Online by visiting the following links:

<https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/power-attorney-health-care>, <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/power-attorney-property>, and [Power of Planning portal](#).

Notwithstanding the ease of preparation and the important benefits

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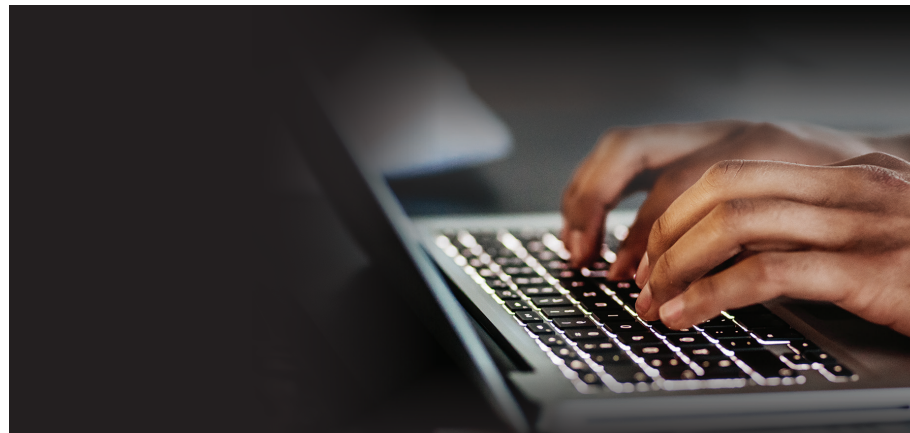
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policy work. I have had the opportunity to observe how each case is unique and how the law directly intersects with human dynamics. Assisting with matters involving marital and financial disputes has shown me how the law functions not just as a set of rules, but also as a tool for resolving real conflicts.

For those with similar academic backgrounds, it can be easy to view government or policy work as the natural next step. While that path is rewarding, my experience suggests that exploring the legal field offers another meaningful way

to contribute. My transition has reshaped how I define impact. While policymaking shapes society as a whole, legal practice allows for a more direct and personal change for individuals and families. ■

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associated with a Power of Attorney, research shows that many do not complete one until old age. See <https://www.caring.com/resources/2017-wills-survey>, <https://www.caring.com/resources/wills-survey> and <https://www.aarp.org/money/retirement/half-of-adults-do-not-have-wills/>.

Reasons vary, but common misconceptions shown in the infographic below persist that hamper adult advance planning due to fear, procrastination, and a false sense of security, leading to neglected legal, medical, and financial preparations.

Five Myths About Advance Care Planning
Get the facts about these common advance care planning myths.

Myth I only need a plan if I'm very old or ill.	Myth My loved ones will know what I want when the time comes.	Myth I need a lawyer to create an advance care plan.
Fact It's impossible to predict the future. An emergency can happen at any age. Creating a plan now helps ensure that someone you trust can make decisions that reflect your wishes.	Fact Not necessarily. In one study, nearly 1 in 3 people guessed wrong when asked to predict which end-of-life decisions their loved one would make.	Fact Most states offer free advance directive forms online, and you do not have to involve a lawyer.
Myth An advance care plan only matters if I put it in writing.	Myth Once I put my plans in writing, I can't change them.	Fact Your advance directives can be changed at any time. In fact, you should review your plans at least once a year and after any major life event like a move, divorce, or change in your health.

Ready to get started? Visit www.nia.nih.gov/acp

Source: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning/five-myths-about-advance-care-planning#:~:text=Myth:%20Once%20I%20put%20my,Last%20updated:%20June%205%2C%202025>.

However, by naming trusted and capable individuals who are willing to serve as an agent and successor agent under a Power of Attorney, adults will be better assured that their preferences for care will be communicated and action taken to handle financial matters as directed without undue delay or the need for court proceedings. A little advance planning will also minimize guesswork and potential family disagreements should an emergency arise. See <https://www.acpdecisions.org/19-evidence-based-benefits-of-advance-care-planning/>.

Related resources

AARP

- <https://thinkingaheadroadmap.org/about/>

The Arc

- <https://futureplanning.thearc.org/>

Compassion and Choices

- <https://compassionandchoices.org/> (end of life care)

The Conversation Project

- <https://theconversationproject.org/>
- Your Conversation Starter Guide
- Your Guide to Choosing Health Care Proxy
- Your Guide for Talking with a Health Care Team
- For Caregivers of People with Alzheimer's or Other Forms of Dementia What Matters to Me Workbook

Family Caregiver Alliance

- <https://www.caregiver.org/news/15-advance-care-planning-resources-for-national-healthcare-decisions-day/>

Five Wishes

- <https://www.fivewishes.org/nhdd/>

National Institute on Aging

- Advance Care Planning: A Conversation Guide: <https://order.nia.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/nia-advance-care-planning-guide.pdf>
- Tips for Advance Care Planning: <https://order.nia.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/tip-sheet-advance-care-planning.pdf>
- Getting Your Affairs in Order Checklist: Documents to Prepare for the Future: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning/getting-your-affairs-order-checklist-documents-prepare-future> <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning/getting-your-affairs-order-checklist-documents-prepare-future> <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning/getting-your-affairs-order-checklist-documents-prepare-future> ■

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Estate Planning Is for the Living: The Importance of Estate Planning for Young Adults

BY DEBORAH CAIN

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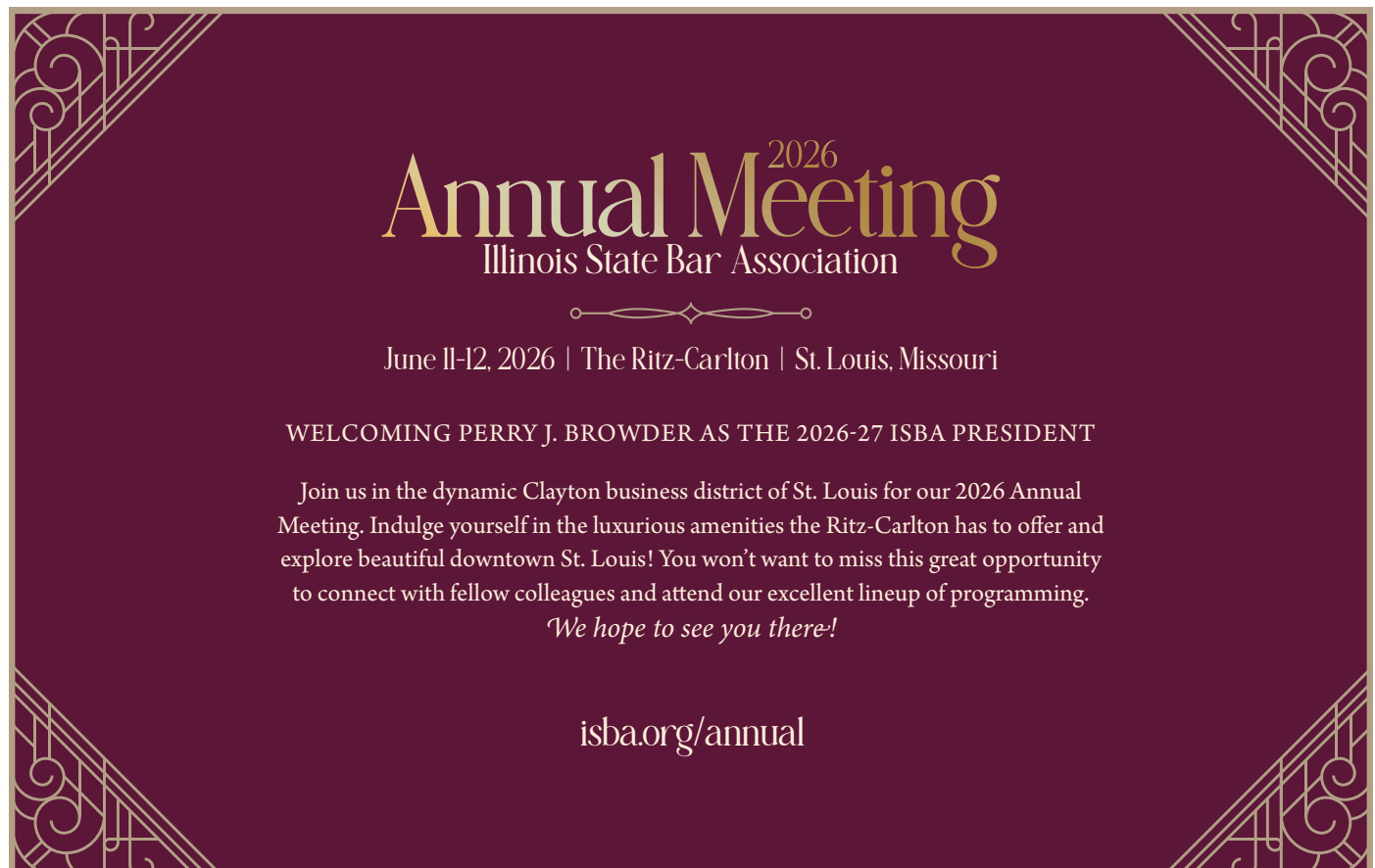
CONFESSION: I haven't completed my estate planning. I think about it a lot. I just haven't drafted any documents. In my slight defense, we're a small family firm where my mom and I are usually the ones witnessing estate plans, so even if I drafted them, I would have to find witnesses and a notary. In some ways, since I'm only thirty and have limited assets, I could argue that I don't need an estate plan. On the other hand, I am concerned about how my very limited assets would be distributed and, more importantly, who would get my cats and dog in the event that something happened to me and my husband.

It's easy for individuals to look at their assets and think, "There's really nothing here to plan for." This is especially true for young adults. In reality, it is important for everyone to consider an estate plan, regardless of age and wealth, because many aspects of your estate relate to how you want to live, and not just what you want to happen after you die.

A vast majority of our estate planning clients are over the age of 60 and have either never had a will or they have a will that has not been updated since their children were minors. While a will is something that most people acknowledge that they need, they usually put off completing one because, well, the concept of death is not one that many want to think about. Most of our clients come in

to complete their estate plan because an event in their life has made a will a high priority. The most common reasons our clients seek us out for an estate plan are that they are either young parents, they have been planning an overseas vacation, they have become ill, or they have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Simply put, no one wants to think about their estate plan until they are forced to.

Estate planning is not just about death. In fact, a majority of an estate plan is about an individual's life. We typically complete five documents when establishing an estate plan: Will, Trust, Living Will, Healthcare Power of Attorney, and Durable Power of Attorney. Of these five documents, four are active while an individual is alive and, in fact, three are no longer active after the



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We hope to see you there!

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individual has passed away.

The Living Will and Healthcare Power of Attorney lets your family know what your wishes are for life sustaining treatment and allow you to name who you trust to make healthcare decisions for you. When you're young, you might think that there is no reason to make these decisions or that there would be no need for you to have an agent. However, my cousin turned 18 while in the hospital for appendicitis. Scared and in pain, the doctors turned to her to make decisions because they could no longer talk to her parents. It's important at any age to name an agent, because you never know when you will be in an accident or just unable to make a decision for yourself.

The Durable Power of Attorney allows you to choose an agent to help you with any financial matters if you are not able to. With access to online banking and other financial services, it may seem unlikely that you would have any need for a financial agent. However, like above, accidents or

circumstances may arise that could mean you need to have Financial Power of Attorney. It's important to note that Durable Powers of Attorney cover all your property, not just bank accounts. For example, they can be important tools for planning for your pets. Pets are property and a situation could arise where someone is tasked with caring for your pet. A Durable Power of Attorney could be necessary to allow an agent access to funds and the ability to make decisions for your pet.

There are many types of trusts that can be used in different situations. They can be beneficial for managing assets to protect government benefits or avoid taxes. They can also be a great tool to keep assets separate from your spouse if there is a need to. They also have the benefit of being used both while you are alive to manage your assets and after you have passed to further protect these assets and/or avoid probate. In my firm, we most commonly use Revocable Trusts for the sole purpose of avoiding probate. By transferring title of

property into the trust while the individual is alive, the expense and time of probate can be avoided. While we most often don't recommend trusts to young couples or individuals who have minor children or may have children in the future since guardianship matters will still be filed, there are still cases in which a trust can be useful for young adults. For example, a trust can be important in protecting children from prior relationships, making sure that they will receive their inheritance. They can also be used to separate marital assets. My husband is not on the title to our house. While he does have homestead rights to the house, I would like to put the house into trust because I would want to ensure that if something happened to both of us, the house would go to my family and not his.

Finally, we come to the Will. A Will does not come into effect until after someone has passed away. It's hard when you are young to think about dying. It feels like it is very far away, but unfortunately,

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May 14, 2026 | The Morton Arboretum | Lisle, IL

Celebrate Member Appreciation Month!

Join us on May 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for our annual Member Appreciation and Recognition Reception. Congratulate the 2025-2026 ISBA Award recipients, connect with your ISBA friends and colleagues, and enjoy an evening of networking at the beautiful Morton Arboretum. The reception will feature hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beer and wine. We hope to see you there!

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that is not always the case. There are many reasons to consider a Will, even when you have limited assets. Without a Will, your assets will be distributed in accordance with state law. You may have a specific gift you want to make, an individual you don't want to inherit your assets, or a wish regarding interment or cremation. A lot of young adults live with their significant other before getting married. You may wish to ensure that they get your personal property or any limited funds you may

have. You, like me, may have pets that you want to ensure go to a certain individual or a specific shelter. A Will isn't just for people with significant assets or funds but can be for anyone who has a specific wish they want to make sure is followed.

My mom tells the story of a client she had who was 91. After sending the client a draft of her estate plan, the client called back and said, "This makes it feel like I'm already dead." It took her another year to finally come in and sign. Estate planning

isn't just for when you die. Estate planning is most important for when you are alive. It's important for everyone, regardless of age, to think about their estate plan, so that they can live life to the fullest, knowing that everything and everyone they care for is taken care of. ■

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Results of the 2026 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational

ON BEHALF OF THE ISBA LAW-RELATED EDUCATION COMMITTEE, we are happy to report another successful Invitational! Thank you to all those who participated or volunteered for the 2026 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational!

We are very pleased to announce the following awards:

Top Three Teams



1st place—Normal West High School



2nd place—Timothy Christian High School



3rd place—Niles West High School

Top Twenty Scoring Teams (Alphabetical Order)

- Barrington High School
- Bartlett High School
- Chicago Christian High
- College Preparatory School of America
- De La Salle Institute
- Evanston High School
- Hinsdale Central High School
- Maine South High School
- MCC Academy College Prep
- Mundelein High School
- Niles West High School
- Normal West High School
- South Elgin High School
- Southland College Prep
- St. Charles East High School
- Stevenson High School
- Timothy Christian High School
- Wheeling High School
- Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
- Work Community High School

Donna E. Schechter Memorial Law Test Award

This award recognizes the highest team average on the law test.

College Preparatory School of America (CPSA)



Civility & Professionalism Award

This award recognizes teams and team members who exemplify characteristics and qualities the Invitational seeks to instill in participants: professionalism, justice, civility, and fairness, both inside and outside the courtroom. Nominated by other teams.

Kindi Academy



Outstanding Attorney Awards

Pushti Parikh	Barrington High School	Fatima Shetwala	MCC Academy
Azia Mir	Bartlett High School	Katelyn Tomas	Mundelein High School
Sid Perkins	Bartlett High School	Magdalena Prucnal	Niles North High School
Emerson Ulery	Buffalo Grove High School	Anastasia Foutris	Niles West High School
Ibraheem Husein	College Preparatory School of America (CPSA)	Olive Blick	Normal West High School
Kira Tepper	De La Salle	Mipo Saliu	Rich Township High School
Owen Bauer	Elgin High School	Hannah Greenberg	South Elgin High School
Tristan Bond	Evanston High School	Cassandra Verley	South Elgin High School
Eeshan Lal	Hinsdale Central High School	Riyanna Alston	Southland College Prep
Davy O'Connor	Hinsdale South High School	Loren Rounds	Southland College Prep
Grace Huidobro	Homewood-Flossmoor High School	Anya Amin	St. Charles East High School
Henry Eisenhardt	John Hersey	Ella Brucal	St. Charles East High School
Fatema Ahsan	Kindi Academy	Sandhya Veerabahu	Stevenson High School
Bridget Pizzo	Lake Forest High School	Jennifer Stob	Timothy Christian High School
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Ben Richard	Maine South High School	Lila Coyne	University of Chicago Laboratory High School
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Outstanding Witness Awards

Ryan Sliwa	Bartlett High School	Yael Pikus	Mundelein High School
Addy Wheeler	Bartlett High School	Laiba Amjad	Niles North High School
Nora Nielsen	Boylan Catholic High School	Mohammed Khan	Niles North High School
Greetika Esarapu	Buffalo Grove High School	Megan Wu	Niles West High School
Gwen Logan	Buffalo Grove High School	Brielle Johnson	Normal Community High School
Sharmeen Sultana	College Preparatory School of America (CPSA)	Lucy Wojtowicz	Oak Park River Forest High School
Veeresh Patil	Elgin High School	Kyle Chen	O'Fallon High School
Paulina Majerczyk	Hinsdale Central High School	Stella Butler	Rolling Meadows High School
Cooper Johnson	Hinsdale South High School	Harrison Swaim	Rolling Meadows High School
Samuel Lopez	Huntley High School	Lily Haughee	South Elgin High School
Heidi Fritz	John Hersey	Riyanna Alston	Southland College Prep
Nate Franklin	Lake Forest High School	Loren Rounds	Southland College Prep
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Bartlett High School	Bartlett	MCC Academy College Prep	Morton Grove
Boylan Catholic High School	Rockford	Minooka Community High School	Channahon
Buffalo Grove High School	Buffalo Grove	MCC Academy College Prep	Morton Grove
Carmel Catholic High School	Mundelein	Mundelein High School	Mundelein
Chicago Christian High School	Palos Heights	Niles North High School	Skokie
College Preparatory School of America	Lombard	Niles West High School	Skokie
De La Salle Institute	Chicago	Normal Community High School	Normal
DePaul College Prep	Chicago	Normal West High School	Normal
Dunlap High School	Dunlap	O’Fallon High School	O’Fallon
Elgin High School	Elgin	Oak Park River Forest High School	Oak Park
Elk Grove High School	Elk Grove Village	Rich Township High School	Richton Park
Evanston Township High School	Evanston	Rolling Meadows High School	Rolling Meadows
Fenwick High School	Oak Park	St. Charles East High School	St. Charles
Glenbard South High School	Glen Ellyn	St. Charles North High School	St. Charles
Glenbrook South High School	Glenview	South Elgin High School	South Elgin
Highland Park High School	Highland Park	Southland College Prep High School	Richton Park
Hinsdale Central High School	Hinsdale	Stevenson High School	Lincolnshire
Hinsdale South High School	Darien	Timothy Christian High School	Elmhurst
Homewood-Flossmoor High School	Flossmoor	Unity Christian Academy	South Holland
Huntley High School	Huntley	University of Chicago Laboratory School	Chicago
John Hersey High School	Arlington Heights	University of Illinois Laboratory High School	Champaign
Joliet Central High School	Joliet	Wheaton Academy	West Chicago
Joliet West High School	Joliet	Wheeling High School	Wheeling
Kindi Academy College Prep	Lisle	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Chicago
Lake Forest High School	Lake Forest	York Community High School	Elmhurst
LaSalle-Peru Township High School	LaSalle		
Libertyville High School	Libertyville		
Maine East High School	Park Ridge		

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We hope to see many new and familiar faces in 2027!***



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