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NICOLE L. PHATAK is a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP and a member of the firm's Estate Planning & Administration Practice Group. Her practice focuses on estate planning and estate administration, including advising clients on individual and fiduciary income tax matters, as well as gift tax planning and compliance.

Ms. Phatak assists clients with matters ranging from the preparation of foundational estate planning documents—such as wills and powers of attorney—to sophisticated trusts and asset preservation strategies. She is known for her thoughtful, personalized approach and for developing practical solutions tailored to each client's goals and circumstances.

Prior to joining Pietragallo, Ms. Phatak practiced at an international law firm where she focused on tax service matters and estate planning. She is actively involved in the community and holds numerous leadership roles, including serving on the Women's Leadership Council for the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania; as an Ambassador for UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Children's Trust; on the Young Professional Advisors Committee for The Pittsburgh Foundation; and as a Girl Scout Brownie Troop Leader. She has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Trust and Estates since 2023.

Ms. Phatak earned her J.D. from The University of Pittsburgh School of Law and her undergraduate degree in Political Science from The Pennsylvania State University.

Publications

"Using Charitable Giving to Enhance Estate Planning," *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 3, 2024.
"Five Reasons Estate Planning is Essential for Women," *The Legal Intelligencer*, February 2021.

Speaking Engagements

"POA Pitfalls: Common Mistakes & How to Avoid Them," *Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Estate Law Institute*, (Philadelphia, PA) November 4, 2026.
"Stop! Collaborate and Listen: How to Talk to Professional Advisors," *The National Association of Charitable Gift Planners 2026 Conference*, (New Orleans, LA) October 15, 2026.
"Will Drafting and Execution Basics," *The Allegheny County Bar Association's Probate and Trust Law Section*, (Pittsburgh, PA) October 21, 2025.
"Representation & Drafting the POA," *Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Guardianship & POA Conference*, (webinar) September 16, 2025.

“Estate Planning Basics,” *The Allegheny County Bar Association’s Probate and Trust Law Section*, (Pittsburgh, PA) August 20, 2024.
“Charitable Gifting Strategies- Make the Most of Your Donations,” *Fort Pitt Capital*, (Pittsburgh, PA) December 3, 2020.
“Charitable Planning 101,” *Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation*, (Pittsburgh, PA) March 2020.
“Talking with Donors About Their Legacy (and Creative Planned Giving Solutions!),” *Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council*, (Pittsburgh, PA) November 12, 2019.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania