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Practice Areas

Estate Administration
Estate Planning
Probate Litigation
Trust & Estate Planning

Education

- University of Iowa
College of Law, J.D.,
2013
- University of Michigan,
B.A., 2009

Admissions

Michigan, 2014

U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Michigan, 2026

Andrew J. Lorelli is a senior attorney in Plunkett Cooney's Business Law Department and a member of the firm's Trusts & Estates Practice Group. He focuses his practice primarily in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust litigation and trust and estate administration, including decedent estates, guardianships and conservatorships.

Mr. Lorelli has extensive legal experience in private practice, particularly in probate and estate planning. He has drafted estate plans, wills, trusts, powers of attorney and real estate deeds for a wide variety of clients, including high net worth individuals and families. Mr. Lorelli has also represented fiduciaries and interested persons in hundreds of probate proceedings. His practice includes the preparation of fiduciary accounts in trusts, decedent estates and conservatorships. In addition, Mr. Lorelli has handled contested and uncontested probate matters in dozens of counties all over the state of Michigan.

Prior to joining Plunkett Cooney, Mr. Lorelli served for four years on active duty as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he worked as a Legal Assistance Officer, Company Commander, and deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Mr. Lorelli, who is now in the Marine Corps Reserves, also previously worked in a two-star command Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

Representative Client Work

- Won a motion for summary disposition in probate court litigation, upholding a pair of financial account beneficiary designations that

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allowed a client to claim approximately \$800,000 in proceeds

- Defended an estate beneficiary against a petition to impose a constructive trust on and revoke a \$600,000 distribution. The petition was denied, allowing the client to receive the inheritance.
- Represented a personal representative in a decedent estate, successfully admitting the decedent's last will and testament against the objection of four family members and permitting final distribution and closure of the estate
- Drafted an estate and succession plan for a blended family with multiple large businesses and a child with military disability
- Drafted estate plans for individuals and families of all asset levels, from simple wills to complex trust and estate planning
- Represents fiduciaries in decedent estate, guardianship, conservatorship and trust proceedings, whether contested or uncontested
- Advises clients on the protection and allocation of unique assets like cryptocurrency in trusts and estate plans
- Represents interested persons in probate and trust proceedings to ensure proper administration and distribution of assets
- Implements special needs trusts for disabled and elderly clients to protect inheritance and surviving spouse

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan (Probate, Estate and Trust Section; Military & Veterans' Law Section, Council Vice Chair, 2025 - 2028)
- Eastern District of Michigan Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Association (Probate, Estate and Trust Committee; Veterans Committee)
- Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metro Detroit
- Italian American Bar Association of Michigan

Lectures & Publications

- "Protecting Your Clients' Nests in Michigan with a Lady Bird Deed," Author, Oakland County Bar Associations Laches Magazine, Pages 11 - 13, August 2025

Certifications

- Probate & Estate Planning, ICLE, 2025