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Alison Zizzo is a Shareholder at Midgett Preti Olansen and concentrates her practice in trust and estate litigation, including fiduciary disputes, beneficiary representation, guardian and conservatorships, and elder law. Ms. Zizzo has extensive civil litigation experience and can handle a variety of general litigation matters, including business disputes, collection and defense of debts and contract disputes. In addition, Ms. Zizzo handles complex trust and estate administration matters, assisting families with trust and estate administration issues, as well as litigation that may arise during the course of administration.

In 2014 and 2015, Ms. Zizzo was selected by her peers to be included in Virginia Business magazine's Legal Elite in the category of Young Lawyer and in the category of Taxes/Estate/Trusts/Elder Law in 2015. In 2014, Virginia Super Lawyers magazine selected her as a Rising Star in the category of Estate and Trust Litigation. Ms. Zizzo has been repeatedly recognized as a Best Lawyer and Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite in the category of Taxes/Estate/Trust and Elder Law as well as Civil Litigation since 2017. Ms. Zizzo has further been recognized as a Top Lawyer in Coastal Virginia Magazine. In 2023 and again in 2024, Ms. Zizzo was named Lawyer of the Year, Litigation-Trusts and Estates in Norfolk.

Ms. Zizzo earned her Bachelor of Arts in History from Christopher Newport University, where she was awarded the Martha Woodward Scholarship for Excellence in History. She received her law degree from Regent University School of Law where she earned Top Honors recognition in courses on Legal Research and Writing, Trial Practice, and Wills, Trusts and Estates. Ms. Zizzo has an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale Hubbell.

Practice Areas

- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Guardianship and Conservatorship
- General Litigation
- Estate and Trust Administration
- Elder Law

Bar Admissions

- Virginia

Education

- Regent University School of Law, J.D.
- Christopher Newport University, B.A. in History

Court Admissions

- Virginia Supreme Court
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Honors & Awards

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite, Civil Litigation
- Virginia "Super Lawyer"
- Virginia "Super Lawyer" Rising Star
- "Top Lawyers", Coastal Virginia Magazine
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation-Trusts and Estates
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Trusts and Estates
- Lawyer of the Year, Litigation-Trusts and Estates in Norfolk

Memberships

- Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council
- Virginia Beach Bar Association
- VSB Legislative Committee

Community Involvement

- Rotary Club of Chesapeake
- Chesapeake Public Library Foundation, Board Member

Presentations

- *Recent Developments in Undue Influence Presumption and Proof in Virginia*; Connor-Zaritsky 40th Annual Estate Planning and Administration Seminar; awarded Outstanding Speaker
- *Essentials of Trust Drafting in Virginia*, Virginia CLE
- *Essentials of Will Drafting in Virginia*, Virginia CLE
- *How do I change Thee; Modifying and Terminating Irrevocable Trusts in Virginia*, Virginia Bar Association and Virginia CLE
- *Real Property Issues in Elder Law and Estate Administration*, Virginia CLE, Real Estate Seminar
- *Fiduciary Liability of Trust Protector*; Connor-Zaritsky 42nd Annual Estate Planning and Administration