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Ashley T. Kraus is an Associate Attorney in the Trusts & Estates Practice Area at Goosmann Law Firm's Omaha office. Licensed in Nebraska and Texas, she advises individuals, families, and business owners on estate planning, probate administration, and wealth transfer strategies.

Before joining Goosmann, she handled complex estate and business planning for high-net-worth clients. Her prior experience includes complex estate and business planning for high-net-worth clients and work in real estate, guardianships, and family law litigation, giving her a comprehensive perspective on planning and dispute prevention.

Ashley earned her Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University School of Law, where she served as a Staff Writer for The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race & Social Justice. Her scholarship focused on the intersection of law, ethics, and animal welfare, with publications addressing animal cruelty prevention and international wildlife trafficking.

Outside of work, Ashley volunteers as a scuba diver at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium, caring for aquatic animals and supporting conservation education.

Education:

St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX

- Juris Doctor, 2019

Doane University, Crete, NE

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Law, Politics & Society, 2015

Bar Admissions:

State: Nebraska, South Dakota, and Texas

Experience:

Goosmann Law Firm, Omaha, NE

Associate & Senior Associate Attorney, Oct. 2025 – Current

- Advises individuals, families, and business owners on sophisticated estate and wealth transfer planning.
- Develops strategic estate plans, including irrevocable trusts, charitable structures, and business succession strategies.
- Guides clients through probate and estate administration with a practical, client-focused approach.

Dvorak Law Group, Omaha, NE

Associate Attorney, Jun. 2023 – Oct. 2025

- Handled complex estate planning and administration for high-net-worth clients.
- Advised on corporate restructuring and Nebraska inheritance tax proceedings.

Sheehan Law, Pflugerville, TX

Associate Attorney, Apr. 2021 – Apr. 2023

Managed estate planning, real estate, and probate matters, including contested probates, guardianships, and partition.

Law Office of Brandon Bledsoe, Austin, TX

Associate Attorney, Sep. 2019 – Apr. 2021

- Litigated high-conflict family law cases and advised clients on property and custody matters.

Honors, Awards, & Publications:

- Presenter, Domestic Violence & Animal Cruelty: A Deadly Link, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (2022)
- Skinning the Cat: How Mandatory Psychiatric Evaluations for Animal Cruelty Offenders Can Prevent Future Violence (2019)
- The Perverted Ark: Failures, Successes, and Solutions to Protect the World's Rarest Creatures from International Trafficking, Animal Legal Defense Fund (2018)

Associations:

- Nebraska State Bar Association
- Texas State Bar
- State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section – Former Council Member
- St. Mary's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund – Founder & President

Community Involvement:

- Volunteer Scuba Diver, Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium, Omaha, NE
- Advocate for Animal Welfare and Ethical Estate Planning