

Sarah S. Johnston elected ACTEC Fellow

December 8, 2025 – The Firm is proud to announce that [Sarah S. Johnston](#) has been elected a Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC).

Founded in 1949, ACTEC is a national association of approximately 2,300 lawyers and law professors recognized for their experience in estate planning, probate, trust administration, and related areas. Fellows are peer-elected based on professional reputation, skill, and contributions to the field.

Sarah, a shareholder in the Firm's Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation practice in Birmingham, has been advising high-net-worth individuals, families, and businesses since 2004. Her practice spans estate and tax planning, trust and estate administration, wealth preservation strategies, trust and estate litigation, business succession planning, and the ongoing support of family offices. She is also widely regarded for her counsel on retirement asset-focused estate planning, helping clients establish strong generational foundations for long-term financial security.

Sarah's election to ACTEC places her among a distinguished group of Dentons Fellows, further reinforcing the Firm's leadership in trust and estate law:

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