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Valerie F. Gainer is a Member practicing with the Banking and Financial Services industry groups, focusing primarily on estate planning, estate administration, mergers and acquisitions, and other transactional matters. She practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Valerie provides representation to clients in a wide range of areas, including business formation, corporate governance, and business sales and acquisitions. In addition, she assists individual clients with estate planning and administration matters, including estate and trust litigation.

Valerie currently serves on the board of the Charleston Estate Planning Council and as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Members of the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority. She has also been recognized in the Best Lawyers® Charleston, West Virginia "Ones to Watch" list for Banking and Finance Law and Trusts and Estates (2021-2024).

Valerie joined Jackson Kelly in 2018. Raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia, she graduated summa cum laude from Marietta College in 2013, receiving a bachelor's degree in English and Political Science and a Certificate in Leadership from the McDonough Center for Leadership and Business. After college, Valerie attended The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, earning her law degree in 2016.

Awards

- Named in the *Best Lawyers*® Charleston, West Virginia "Ones to Watch" list for Banking and Finance Law and Trusts and Estates (2021-2024)
- CALI Award in Civil Law Clinic
- CALI Award in Business Associations
- The Greg Travalio Clinic Award for Excellence and Service to the Community
- Public Service Fellow, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2018-Present)
- Anspach Meeks Ellenberger LLP (2016-2018)
- Anspach Meeks Ellenberger LLP, Part-Time Law Clerk (Fall 2015 - Spring 2016)
- Anspach Meeks Ellenberger LLP, Summer Law Clerk (2014, 2015)

Practices

- Tax

- Trusts & Estates
- Business Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Industries

- Banking
- Financial Services

Education

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2016)
 - Ohio Supreme Court, Judicial Extern for Chief Justice O'Connor, Aug. 2014-Dec. 2014
 - Civil Law Clinic, Fall 2015
 - Mediation Clinic, Spring 2015
 - *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*
 - Managing Editor, 2015-2016
 - Staff Editor, 2014-2015
 - Vice President, Dispute Resolution and Youth, 2014-2015
- Marietta College (B.A. in English and Political Science, *summa cum laude*, 2013)
 - Certificate in Leadership Studies
 - Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honorary
 - Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary
 - Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honorary

Admissions

- West Virginia (2016)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2016)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (2017)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (2020)

Community

- Charleston Estate Planning Council, Board Member
- Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority, Board of Members, Vice-Chair

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Speaking Engagements

- Co-presenter with **Trinity J. Gray**, "Organizational Check-In: Reviewing the Basics and Best Practices of Entity Formation and Governance," West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals 2023 Annual Convention, Charleston, West Virginia (Jan. 14, 2023)