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JULIA B. MEISTER is a partner in Taft's Litigation, Health and Life Sciences, and Private Client practice groups and heads the firm's Cincinnati Estates Trusts and Fiduciary Litigation practice. She counsels clients and represents them in commercial and estate, guardianship, trust and fiduciary matters and professional ethics and discipline matters before courts, administrative tribunals, and arbitrators. Ms. Meister advises clients on a variety of health care issues including privacy, statutory compliance, and decision making by health care surrogates. In addition, she represents health care clients in disciplinary proceedings and investigations before licensing boards and professional societies.

Ms. Meister is an elected fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She is recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in four practice areas: Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking & Finance; Litigation - Trusts & Estates; and Trusts and Estates. Ms. Meister has a peer rating of "AV" in Martindale-Hubbell. She is an appointed member of the Ohio State Bar Association's Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section Council and serves on several committees of the Section Council, including Guardianships, Jury Instructions, and the Ohio Trust Code. She has published numerous articles in the *Ohio Probate Law Journal* and recently served on the Ohio Supreme Court's Summit on Aging Planning Committee, raising awareness of financial and other forms of elder abuse.

Ms. Meister graduated with honors from Xavier University in 1991 and the Notre Dame Law School in 1995. She served as an editor of the *Notre Dame Journal of Law Ethics and Public Policy* and was awarded the A. Harold Weber award for Excellence in Legal Writing. She has worked in administration at the Notre Dame Law School and served as an adjunct professor at the University of Dayton Law School. Ms. Meister was named one of the *Cincinnati Business Courier's* Forty



**Practice Groups:**

Business Succession Planning, Litigation, Health and Life Sciences, Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations, Estates, Trusts and Fiduciary Litigation, Probate & Trust Administration, ERISA Litigation

**Bar/Court Admissions:**

*Federal*

U.S. Tax Court, 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, Southern District of Indiana, Southern District of Ohio

*State*

Ohio

**Year First Admitted to Practice Law:**

1995

**Education:**

University of Notre Dame Law School (1995), Xavier University (1991)

*Under Forty* emerging leaders and has been recognized in multiple years by *Cincinnati Magazine* as a *Super Lawyers* Rising Star and by the YWCA Academy of Career Women of Achievement as a Rising Star. Ms. Meister is honored as a 2012 Ohio *Super Lawyer* for Business Litigation. She is past chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Admissions Committee and is active in several legal and community organizations, currently serving as vice president and trustee of the Cincinnati Opera Association and president of the Cincinnati Area Senior Services Board of Directors.

**Professional Affiliations /  
Recognitions:**

*AV Peer Review Rating (LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell), American Bar Association, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Best Lawyers in America, Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL), Cincinnati Bar Association, Forty Under Forty Award, Cincinnati Business Courier, Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Super Lawyers, Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star, Ohio Trust Code joint Bar/Bankers Committee, One Hundred Wise Women, Professional Women's Resource Group*