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**Philip S. Kaufmann**

Philip S. Kaufmann is a partner and group chair in Stark & Knoll's Estate Planning & Probate Group.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University, and his Juris Doctor from The University of Akron School of Law.

Prior to joining Stark & Knoll, Phil was the managing partner of Kaufmann & Kaufmann, a successful law firm in the Akron area. He focuses his practice in the areas of estate planning, probate, guardianships, Medicaid planning, disability trusts and special needs planning. Phil is a leader in the area of estate planning and trust issues for those with special needs. He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* and *Inside Business* Leading Lawyer for his work in the areas of Trusts and Estates; and also by *Ohio Super Lawyers* in the areas of Estate Planning and Probate.

Phil is dedicated to Akron and the Northeast Ohio community. He is a Member of the Board at the Catholic Dioceses of Cleveland Foundation, Village at St. Edward, The Salvation Army of Akron and Summa Hospital Foundation. As a past Chair of the Board of Trustees at the University of Akron he was recently recognized for his dedication to the board, named Chairman Emeritus, and presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the university. In 2009, Phil was inducted into the Arc of Summit and Portage Counties' Hall of Honor in recognition of his contributions to people with disabilities. In 2007, he was honored with the Salvation Army of Summit County's Life Membership Award. He was also awarded the Sir Thomas More Award in 2002 from the Akron Bar Association and the Catholic Diocese for this service and dedication to the community.

"The best part of estate planning and estate administration is assisting people in setting their future goals in a way to make sure these goals are carried out as a legacy to the life they have lived." – Philip S. Kaufmann [PKaufmann@Stark-Knoll.com](mailto:PKaufmann@Stark-Knoll.com)

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