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Lea Anne Groover possesses over 30 years of experience in fiduciary, legal, wealth management, business, and personal finance services. Among her strengths are innovative problem solving, strategic foresight, and conflict resolution. An amiable relationship builder, she engages clients with expert written and verbal communication skills. She is recognized for her exceptional proficiency in estate planning, trust administration, and fiduciary litigation support.

Ms. Groover is an Adjunct Professor at Florida A & M School of Law. She is currently teaching upper level, Trusts and Fiduciary Administration course.

Ms. Groover most recently served as the Vice President and Senior Fiduciary Advisor for PNC Bank in Orlando. During her tenure, she was responsible for engaging in fiduciary decision making by executing the terms of any plan or document in which PNC served as trustee. She successfully managed complex, litigious relationships involving various assets, multiple internal departments, and outside counsel.

Before joining PNC Bank in 2017, Ms. Groover acted as an Attorney with Shuffield, Lowman, and Wilson. Prior to this position, she held an executive officer position at Seaside National Bank & Trust, a de novo bank, where she developed policies and procedures by working with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). She also held a corporate officer position at SunTrust Bank, N.A.

Ms. Groover is currently a member of Orange County Bar Association, where she also served as a past chair of the Estate, Guardianship, and Trust Committee. Additionally, as a member of the Florida Bar, Ms. Groover serves on the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law (RPPTL) Section, including the Estate and Trust Tax Planning Committee and the Attorney Trust Officer (ATO) Conference Committee. She holds a position on the Board of Directors at the Central Florida Estate Planning Council.

Ms. Groover received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in banking and finance, from Wilkes University and an M.B.A. from the University of Central Florida. She also obtained her J.D. with the Florida A&M University's College of Law, where she graduated cum laude and earned the highest score in Estates and Gift Taxation, Business Associations, Contract Drafting. She was awarded an intern position for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Orange County Probate and Guardianship.

Credentials

Licensed to Practice Law in Florida, 2015
Certified Trust and Finance Advisor, 2002
Certified Financial Planner®, 2000