



## Natalie S. French

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### Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Municipal & Public Entities
- Real Estate
- Trusts & Estates

### Education

- Albany Law School of Union University, JD
- State University of New York at Geneseo, BA

### Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York

Natalie S. French is an associate in the Firm's corporate, municipal, real estate and trusts & estates practices. She focuses on assisting clients with matters related to residential and commercial real estate, estate and trust planning, probate/estate administration and municipal law. Natalie advises towns and villages on a variety of legal issues, including zoning, contractual agreements, finance and subdivision review.

Natalie has developed a niche practice assisting individual clients and families with adoption law and fostering. She is an Adoption Fellow with the Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys and has experience representing birth parents and adoptive parents in private adoptions, voluntary agency adoptions, interstate adoptions, foster care adoptions, step/second parent adoptions and re-adoptions. While most adoptions are uncontested, she has successfully represented an adoptive couple at the trial level as part of a contested adoption proceeding brought by the biological mother.

Natalie is a graduate of the State University of New York at Geneseo and Albany Law School of Union University. Prior to joining Hancock Estabrook, she practiced law at Barney, Grossman & Dubow, and spent five years practicing in Albany, NY.

She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Tompkins County Bar Association and Finger Lakes Women's Bar Association.

### Representative Matters

- Matter of Baby Girl M. (Albany Co. Surrogate's Ct. 2018) — Ruled in favor of adoptive parents in best interests hearing brought by biological mother; allowed adoptive parents to finalize adoption.

### Professional Credentials

- Fellow, Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Tompkins County Bar Association
- Member, Finger Lakes Women's Bar Association

### Press & Publications

### News

- Hancock Estabrook, LLP Adds Ithaca Law Firm Barney, Grossman & Dubow

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