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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Trusts & Estates



Mike focuses his practice on estate planning, planned giving, trust and estate administration matters, and business succession planning. With more than 25 years of experience in tax, estate and financial planning, Mike represents individual and corporate fiduciaries in the administration of trusts and estates. He counsels high net worth individuals, families and owners of closely-held businesses in all areas of estate planning with a focus on tax minimization. He offers clear understanding for complex issues surrounding all areas of wealth and business transfers, asset protection and estate administration.

Mike listens carefully to clients to assure he understands their goals and personal wishes to assure he is aligning comprehensive wealth and estate planning strategies with their desired outcomes. He understands the importance of his clients' legacies, helping them create meaningful planned charitable gifts and multi-generational wealth transfers. He guides clients through difficult decisions to offer clarity and peace of mind on sensitive topics.

EXPERIENCE

- More than 25 years of experience counseling high net worth individuals and organizations
- Advises clients on estate planning, business succession planning, planned giving, probate administration and litigation matters, and tax minimization strategies
- OSBA Board Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law
- Designated as an Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP)
- Frequent presenter on estate planning, probate administration, planned giving and tax topics
- Assists nonprofit organizations with planned giving and development strategies

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

University of Akron School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)

University of Akron College of Business (M.B.A. Finance, *cum laude*)

University of Akron (B.S. Business Administration Finance, *cum laude*)

Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Tax Court

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Stepstone Academy, Board of Directors

American Cancer Society, Volunteer Leadership Council

Estate Planning Council of Cleveland

Northern Ohio Charitable Gift Planners

Akron Tax and Estate Planning Council

Past Affiliations

Riverfront YMCA, Past Advisory Board Member

Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Summit & Medina Counties, Past Board Member

Summit County Planned Giving Committee of the American Cancer Society,

Past Member

Summa Century Club Committee, Past Member

United Way of Summit County, Past Investment Review Committee Member

Associations

Ohio State Bar Association

Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section Council

Akron Bar Association

Probate Law Section, Past Chair

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section, Past Chair