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AREAS OF PRACTICE
Trusts & Estates



I am a trusts & estates attorney with more than 30 years of experience. I focus on assisting my clients in developing effective charitable, life insurance, and estate plans, and on providing support for successful implementation of their planning strategies.

I assist clients in creating and administering private foundations, donor advised funds and a wide variety of charitable trust vehicles. Additionally, I give added value to my clients by assisting with their life insurance needs. My detailed familiarity with the use of life insurance in estate planning enables me to explain the potential role of insurance to my clients as I decipher complex issues that could arise.

I provide every client with empathy, creativity and dedication. I am here to address your concerns and ensure you have enough resources, deploy them in a manner that will preserve family harmony, and make certain your family is secure for future generations.

EXPERIENCE

- Provides estate and business succession planning counsel to clients and assisting with the structuring of charitable planned gifts
- Experience in the creation and administration of private foundations, charitable split interest trusts and other planned giving vehicles
- Joined the firm in 1988; elected partner in 1991
- Served as chair and co-chair of the Trusts & Estates Practice Group
- Previously practiced law in Washington D.C. and Cleveland

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia (J.D., 1981)

Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania (B.A., 1978)

Admissions

Ohio Bar

District of Columbia Bar

AWARDS & HONORS

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' for Trusts & Estates (2023)

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (1995-2023)

Recognized in Best Lawyers Business Edition® for Trusts and Estates Law (2015)

Received special recognition for being listed in Best Lawyers in America® for 10 consecutive years

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2014), as voted by his peers

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Member: Order of the Coif

Member, Advisory Board: Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund

Member, Board of Trustees: Mercyhurst University, Erie, Pennsylvania

Member, Vice-Chair and Board of Directors: Humane Society of Greater Akron

Member, Advisory Board: WKSU – FM (Kent State University Public Radio)

Member, Cabinet: Leave a Legacy, Akron, Ohio

President and Director: Betty and John Jacobson Foundation

Member, Chair: Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs Technology Committee

Past Affiliations

Member: Virginia Law Review

Associations

Member: Akron Bar Association

Past Chair: Probate Section

Member: American Bar Association, Real Property, Probate Section

Member: Ohio State Bar Association