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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Trusts & Estates



I am a trusts and estates attorney with a focus on estate planning, probate, and elder law. I assist my clients with the efficient transfer of wealth from generation to generation, business succession plans, and probate and trust litigation matters.

I listen closely to individuals' and families' needs and desires so I can protect the assets they have worked hard to accumulate. I vigorously defend my clients against the Internal Revenue Service and minimize their income, estate or gift tax liabilities. For aging clients, I work to ensure your assets are not ravaged by long-term care costs. For parents of children with dependencies, disabilities, or financial issues, my goal is to ensure that your children have a secure financial future. For business owners, I assist you in selling your business or transferring it to subsequent generations.

I design and implement estate plans based upon what is of importance to you. Simply put, I am here to protect your wealth, your business and your family.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Administers complex trusts and probate estates in Ohio
- Designs and implements multigenerational family estate and business succession plans
- Represents individuals before the Internal Revenue Service in estate, gift and personal income tax controversies
- Certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law under guidelines established by the Supreme Court of Ohio's Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists
- Designated as an Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP)
- REPORTED CASES
- In re Estate of Hernton, 164 Ohio App. 3d 306 (9th Dist., Lorain County 2005)

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio (J.D., cum laude, 1978)

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio (B.A., magna cum laude, 1974)

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

New Jersey Bar

Florida Bar

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Tax Court

United States Supreme Court

## AWARDS & HONORS

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2010-2021)

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

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2021), as voted by his peers

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™, which is the highest possible rating in both legal and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar



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## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Former Delegate: Estate Planning Council of Cleveland

Member: University Hospitals Planned Giving Advisory Committee

Member: The Lawyers Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Member: St. Basil the Great Parish Finance and Endowment Committees

Member, Board of Directors: Society of Financial Services Professionals

Member: Estate Planning Advisory Council of Case Western Reserve University

Lifetime Charter Member: Elder Care Matters Alliance

### **Associations**

Member: Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Probate and Estate Planning Section

Member: Florida Bar Association, Real Property, Probate & Trust Section

Member: Ohio State Bar Association, Elder Law Committee



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