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#### **Practice Areas**

Business Succession Planning

Commercial Law

Elder Law & Medicaid Planning

Employment Law

Estate Planning, Wills & Trusts

Franchise Law

Guardianships

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private & Family Owned Businesses

Probate, Estate & Trust Administration

#### **Education**

• University of Toledo School of Law (J.D., 1987)

• University of Cincinnati (B.S., 1984)

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#### **Overview**

Jeff serves as the team leader of the Business & Family Services practice group and focuses his practice on the areas of estate planning and administration and general business services.

Jeff's estate planning practice involves the representation of clients on a wide range of matters, including issues such as probate avoidance, Medicaid planning, creating distribution plans for minor children and/or disabled individuals, and drafting documents to accomplish the client's objectives upon their disability or death.

In his estate administration practice, Jeff represents and counsels executors, administrators, trustees, and other fiduciaries on the administration of both probate and non-probate estates, including the payment of debts of the estate, preparation of estate tax returns, and the ultimate distribution of assets to the heirs.

Jeff's corporate/business law practice is focused on business formation/dissolution, business succession planning, acquisition or sale of businesses, franchise law, employment law and other contractual matters.

Throughout Jeff's career, he has focused on the unique needs of his clients and works closely with them to ensure that all options pertaining to the client's specific issue are fully understood.

Jeff is a frequent speaker on estate planning and probate topics.

#### **Experience**

- Drafts comprehensive estate plans to meet unique needs of clients.
- Assists families through all stages of guardianship, probate and non probate administrations.
- Assists small business clients with entity election, incorporation and start up, including drafting Buy-Sell Agreements, Resolutions, and Dissolutions.
- Assists clients with business acquisition/sale, and review of franchise documents.
- Assists clients in negotiation of leases in all types of commercial centers.

#### **Honors/Distinctions**

- Received AV peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell- a reflection of having achieved the highest level of professional skill and integrity a lawyer can earn
- Selected and listed as one of Ohio's FIVE Star Wealth Managers (2010-2011)

#### **Admissions**

- State of Ohio
- Commonwealth of Kentucky

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- Cincinnati Bar Association (Elder Law, Estate Planning and Probate Committees)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- State Senate appointee to Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (2001-2003)

#### **Community Involvement**

- Village of Evendale (Councilmember; 2001-2009, Vice Mayor; 2005-2009, Past Chairman of Finance, Police, Tax Review, Fire, Service, Admin, and Recreation Committees)
- St. Joseph's Home for Children (Member, Planned Giving Advisory Committee)

#### **Presentations**

- Regular speaker on estate planning issues, franchising and business formation issues throughout the region.
- Guest speaker regarding franchise issues for franchise businesses and brokers.
- Guest lecturer at the University of Cincinnati.

#### **Publications**

- "Is Your Will Enough? Spousal Rights During the Probate Process," Rendigs Newsletter (Winter Issue 2008/2009)
- "Have You Covered Your Housekeeper for Workers' Compensation," Rendigs Newsletter (Summer Issue 2008)
- "Buy/Sell Agreements – The Business Prenup," Rendigs Newsletter (Spring Issue 2008)
- "I'm Not Old and I'm Not Rich, Why Do I Need an Estate Plan?" Rendigs Newsletter (Fall Issue 2007)