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OVERVIEW

Joe thinks outside the box to resolve estates, trusts and tax controversies – often before they start.

For more than 20 years, Joe has guided clients through both proactive planning and dispute resolution concerning trusts, estates and related property interests.

Joe is familiar with the distinctive and ever-changing challenges of settling final affairs. He regularly advices clients on estate planning, and prepares their necessary documents. He has extensive knowledge of planning requirements for spouses with children from prior marriages. Administering trusts and estates, including probate matters, is another service Joe provides. Clients appreciate his resourcefulness in working with banks and trust departments to avoid litigation and mediate favorable solutions.

In addition, Joe advises on tax preparation and represents clients before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on audits, appeals, petitions and collections. Clients trust Joe's extensive background in dealing directly with the IRS when they face the complications of unfiled income tax returns and in reaching creative and equitable settlements for outstanding tax liabilities, trust fund recovery penalty assessments and audit appeals.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Private Wealth

Tax

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Experience

- Represented a national banking company in a fiduciary tax compliance and advisement engagement.
- Counseled national and regional bank trust departments in estate and trust matters.
- Guided family-held cell tower business through successful sale as court-appointed successor executor.

Recognition

- Chattanooga Bar Association, Ralph H. Kelley Humanitarian Award, 2015
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2011
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Pro Bono Attorneys Hall of Fame, 2012

Education

- J.D., University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
  - American Jurisprudence Award, Business Litigation
- B.S., University of Tennessee
  - with high honors
  - Finance

Admissions

- Tennessee
- U.S. Tax Court
- Georgia

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Community Leadership

- Volunteer Guardian Program
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Board of Directors

2025 Pro Bono Achiever

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