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PRACTICE AREAS

- Trusts & Estates
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EDUCATION

- 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*)
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ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Tax Court

OVERVIEW

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.

AWARDS & HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2026-2027)

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



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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

MEDIA

- [Planning for the Family Vacation Home](#) (January 9, 2023)
- [How SECURE is Your Estate Plan?](#) (January 29, 2020)