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Jaime Mendez advises individuals and fiduciaries on complex estate and gift tax matters, with a focus on planning, administration, and audit representation.

Jaime works with individuals who require advanced estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax planning. His practice includes structuring sales to irrevocable grantor trusts, family limited partnerships, grantor retained annuity trusts, qualified personal residence trusts, and other wealth transfer techniques. He also advises individual and corporate fiduciaries on estate and trust administration and devotes a significant portion of his practice to representing clients in estate and gift tax audits.

Jaime is active in charitable and civic organizations and participates in several professional associations. His peers have selected him for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® from 2008 to 2026, and *Best Lawyers*® named him “St. Louis Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year” for both 2022 and 2024. He holds an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Jaime is a former member of the Firm’s Management Committee.

Education

- University of Missouri at Columbia School of Law (J.D., 1996)
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (M.B.A., 1992)
- University of Missouri (B.S., 1985)

Legal Background

- Summer clerk, Bryan Cave LLP, Kansas City, MO (1995)
- Summer law clerk, Missouri Attorney General's Office, Jefferson City, MO (1994)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Estate Planning Council of St. Louis

Services

- Trust & Estates
- Tax-Exempt Organizations

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Admissions

- Missouri Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Member, University of Missouri at Columbia School of Law, Tax Law Society Advisory Board (2013-present)
- Former member, Saint Louis University Bequest & Gift Council
- Former Trustee, University City Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Board of Trustees
- Former member, Ronald McDonald House Charities Planned Giving Committee
- Former Estate Planning Board member, Make a Wish Foundation of Metro St. Louis
- Former member, Cardinal Glennon Gift Planning Committee
- Former member, Sheldon Arts Foundation Planned Giving Advisory Council

Firm Committees

- Former Member, Management Committee

Publications

May 3, 2023

FDIC Changes Deposit Insurance Rules for Trust Accounts

September 27, 2016

Lewis Rice Estate Planning Seminar: Advanced Estate Planning Techniques for 2016 and Beyond