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Joel Weeks is a trusted estate planning attorney and firm leader, known for his thoughtful counsel to high-net-worth individuals and families navigating complex tax strategies and personal planning goals.

Joel is a valued member of the Firm's Management Committee. He is also a Co-chair of the Estate Planning & Probate Department. He focuses his practice on estate and gift planning, with an emphasis on transfer tax planning, business succession planning, estate and trust administration, preparation of estate and gift tax returns, and estate and gift tax controversies. Joel advises high-net-worth individuals and families with respect to their wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, charitable giving, and asset protection. He works with clients to leverage the benefits of exemptions from gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer taxes in order to minimize taxes and preserve the value of family assets passing from generation to generation. Joel also works with clients to structure their estate plans to address individual and family considerations beyond tax savings.

Joel was selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers® from 2013 to 2026. Additionally, he was named by Best Lawyers® "Trust and Estates Lawyer of the Year" for 2026.

Education

- Harvard University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1995)
- Dartmouth College (A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1991)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Legal Background

- Member, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC, St. Louis, MO (2004-2007)
- Associate, Sullivan & Worcester LLP, Boston, MA (2000-2004)
- Associate, Lourie & Cutler, P.C., Boston, MA (1996-2000)
- Associate, Hutchins, Wheeler & Dittmar, Boston, MA (1995-1996)

Professional Affiliations

Services

- Trust & Estates
- Taxation

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Massachusetts Bar

Firm Committees

- Co-chair, Estate Planning & Probate Department