SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

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Languages spoken
English



About Lee

Lee Wendel's practice focuses on succession planning for business owners, estate planning, charitable giving, and estate and trust administration. He is listed in *Ohio Super Lawyers* and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2006. He is the *Best Lawyers* 2025 Columbus Lawyer of the Year for Trusts and Estates.

His practice includes designing personal estate plans and business succession plans for business owners; designing trusts and administering estates for US families, as well as non-US families with US assets or US family members; planning and implementing irrevocable grantor trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, qualified personal residence trusts, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts and other lifetime gifting arrangements; planning and implementing generation-skipping trusts; designing and implementing limited partnerships and limited liability companies; advising charitable donors and organizations; and negotiating and implementing settlements of disputes involving estates and trusts. Lee coordinates the Squire Patton Boggs private wealth practice team.

Experience

- Designing and implementing irrevocable wealth transfer trusts for high-wealth families, both US and international.
- Designing and implementing domestic and international estate plans and lifetime giving programs for clients with substantial wealth around the world.
- Designing and implementing coordinated, tax-effective business succession plans for substantial family-owned businesses.
- Representing high-net-worth estates and trusts, both US and international.
- Planning and implementing family business and investment arrangements and structures.
- Defending federal estate tax and gift tax audits.
- Advising high-wealth families regarding US disclosure and reporting for non-US accounts, assets and companies.

Credentials

Education

- University of Michigan, J.D., 1987
- Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., 1984

Admissions

- Ohio, 1987

Memberships & Affiliations

- Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and serves on its Business Planning Committee and its International Estate Planning Committee.
- Member of the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
- Member of the Ohio State Bar Association's Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Section
- Member of the Columbus Bar Association's Estate and Gift Tax Committee
- Active member of the Hilliard United Methodist Church

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Tax Strategy & Benefits

Publications

- Co-author, "Planning for the US Citizen With a Noncitizen Spouse," Bloomberg BNA's Daily Tax Report

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