Lathrop Gage, Three Private Wealth Attorneys Receive Adulation Among Chambers High Net Worth Rankings

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Chambers recognized Lathrop Gage in its 2019 High Net Worth Rankings in the categories of Kansas Private Wealth Law and Missouri Private Wealth Law. One source said the firm is "great at sophisticated estate planning matters," and another, "they are phenomenal to work with." Three Lathrop Gage Partners are also honored for their notable work in the area of Private Wealth Law.

Chambers USA is the producer of an annual client guide to America's leading lawyers and its High Net Worth guide specifically focuses on private wealth management work in key jurisdictions around the world. Chambers' distinguished recognition ranks individual lawyers based on their legal knowledge, experience, ability, effectiveness and client service. Firm areas recognized are ranked based on the effectiveness, capability, strength and depth of the department as a whole.

The Lathrop Gage attorneys recognized are:

James Betterman (Overland Park, Kan.), is a member of the firm's Wealth Strategies team. Receiving much praise from several sources, one interviewee said of Betterman, "He has developed some of the most creative strategies for clients who have significant charitable intentions. His technical expertise is unmatched." His practice focuses on the preparation of estate planning instruments, sophisticated estate planning for high net worth individuals, succession planning for owners of closely-held businesses, life insurance planning, charitable planning, estate planning with retirement assets, preparation of estate tax returns and gift tax returns, administration of trusts and estates, trusts and estates litigation and resolution of tax controversies with the Internal Revenue Service. Betterman's honors include being named a *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* since 2006, *The Best Lawyers in America* annually since 2005 and selected as a *Best Lawyer's* Lawyer of the Year in 2017. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of the Estate Planning Society of Kansas City.

Peter Brown (Overland Park, Kan.), is a member of the firm's Wealth Strategies team and also serves the Charitable and Other Exempt Organizations industry. A wealth professional noted of Brown, "he has broad knowledge and experience, including in investment matters." Brown focuses on charitable, business, estate and tax planning for closely held corporations, individuals with large estates and real estate investors. Brown holds several honors including being named a *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* since 2006 and *Best*

Lawyers in America since 2001, and named "Kansas City, Mo. Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* in 2012. Brown is an ACTEC Fellow, a member and past President of the Estate Planning Society of Kansas City and a member and past Chair of the Estate Planning Symposium Committee. He also worked for the Internal Revenue Service for six years where he was a manager of its Estate & Gift Tax group and is a former instructor in partnership tax at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Scott Malin (St. Louis, Mo.), is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and serves as the firm's Deputy Managing Partner. Also a member of the Wealth Strategies practice area, his practice focuses on succession planning, estate planning and administration, taxation, charitable planning, and general business law for individuals, privately held businesses and families. A source said of Malin, "He understands the sophisticated issues in this area." *St. Louis Small Business Monthly* selected Malin among its 2019 list of "100 St. Louisans You Should Know to Succeed in Business." Malin also carries the honors of being among *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* since 2005, *The Best Lawyers in America* annually since 2010 and selected as a *Best Lawyer's* Lawyer of the Year in 2018. Malin is a member of ACTEC's Business Planning Committee and Estate and Gift Tax Committee, a member of The Missouri Bar's Probate and Trust Committee, a Board Member of the Productive Living Board and a Disciplinary Hearing Officer for the Supreme Court of Missouri. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Washington University School of Law in the Master's of Taxation Program.

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