



## Ben Keller, John King, Scott Malin Make St. Louis Magazine's Annual Best Lawyers Issue

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The annual "Best Lawyers in St. Louis" edition of *St. Louis* magazine has hit Missouri newsstands, and Lathrop Gage attorneys Bennett S. Keller (Wealth Strategies - Clayton), John P. King (Real Estate - Clayton), and Scott H. Malin (Wealth Strategies- Clayton) are once again mentioned in the annual round-up of the region's top practitioners.

As with previous selections, the February 2010 issue of *St. Louis* magazine breaks down the honored attorneys practice by practice. Mr. Keller was listed as an outstanding attorney in the Corporate, Tax, Trusts and Estates Law sections; Mr. King in Land Use & Zoning Law; and Mr. Malin in Trusts and Estates Law.

"With so many choices, it's hard to pinpoint what kind of lawyer will be right for you and your case," the editors write in their introductory note to the feature. "We know you don't have time to visit every firm to find your perfect lawyer. That's why we've taken the liberty of profiling some of the best, most successful lawyers in St. Louis to help you get started."

The partner in charge of Lathrop Gage's Clayton office, Mr. Keller concentrates his practice in estate planning, probate and general business, corporate law and succession planning. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Washington University School of Law in the Master's of Taxation Program where he teaches a class in Business Succession Planning. He is known as one of the pre-eminent attorneys in the area of succession planning, and has authored articles for such publications as the *Journal of Taxation*, *Estate Planning*, and the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

Mr. King has earned renown throughout the region as one of St. Louis' top attorneys in the area of land use zoning and planning. With special emphasis in the fields of residential and commercial development, Mr. King has served as lead counsel for many of the most significant developments in St. Louis County in recent decades.

Mr. Malin practices in the areas of estate planning, business succession planning, probate, taxation and general business law. Like Mr. Keller, he is an Adjunct Professor at the Washington University School of Law, where he teaches a class in business succession planning in the Master's of Taxation Program. He is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a frequent lecturer on estate planning,



business succession planning and tax issues for various organizations including The Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Chicago Bar Association and The National Business Institute.

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