Joseph D. Growney

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Joseph Growney concentrates his practice in all areas of estate planning, including the preparation of basic and complex estate planning documents, and the implementation of sophisticated planning techniques. He also assists high net worth individuals and closely-held businesses with business succession planning and tax planning, including the formation of corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies, and structuring of corporate reorganizations and recapitalizations.

Joseph's estate planning practice also includes life insurance planning, charitable planning and estate planning with retirement benefits.

Areas of Focus

Services

- Closely Held & Family Businesses
- Trust & Estate Litigation
- Private Client Services

Credentials

Education

- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2004, with distinction
- Rockhurst University, B.A., Political Science; Spanish, 2001, Valedictorian

Bar Admissions

- Kansas
- Missouri

Recognition

- Selected among *The Best Lawyers in America©*, 2025
- *Chambers High Net Worth Guide*, "Leading Practitioner of Private Wealth Law," 2024-2025
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review, Staff Member

Presentations

- Panelist, "Exploring Same-Sex Marriage Rights at Risk if Obergefell Falls," Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium DEIB Committee, April 3, 2025
- Co-host and Program Leader, Legacy Planning Workshop with Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, September 4, 2024
- Co-presenter, "Leaving a Legacy: Donor Advised Funds and Private Foundations," and "You've Been Served: Top Ten Questions for Inheritance Beneficiaries and Their Advisors in Litigation Cases," Truman Heartland Community Foundation's Professional Advisor Seminar Series, May 9, 2024
- Co-presenter, "Estate and Charitable Gift Planning with Retirement Assets and Closely-Held Businesses," Truman Heartland Community Foundation, October 26, 2023
- Co-presenter, "Conversations About Careers in the Law," University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, March 1, 2023
- Co-presenter, "Charitable Gift Planning in 2021: Options and Strategies to Achieve Your Client's Giving Goals," Truman Heartland Community Foundation – Professional Advisor Seminar Series, October 28, 2021
- Presenter, "Who Will Speak For You?" Rockhurst University – Webinar, June 10, 2021
- Presenter, "Planned Giving Options," University of Central Missouri Alumni Foundation, September 15, 2020
- Co-presenter, "Charitable Gift Planning and Navigating RMDS Under the SECURE Act," MOKAN Trust & Financial Services Conference, August 17, 2020
- Co-presenter, "Pre and Post Sale Planning for You, Your Company and Your Family," A Conference for Business Owners: M&A Solutions for Privately Held Companies, October 8, 2019
- Speaker, "Shifting the Focus to Basis Planning: Techniques and Strategies to Achieve Overall Tax Savings," MOKan ACTEC Lawyers, Kansas City, December 2018
- Panelist, "Estate Planning for Artists," International Sculpture Conference, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, October 2017
- Panelist, "Estate Planning Fundamentals 2017," University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, October 2017
- Speaker, "Basics of Gifting, Retirement Asset Planning," and "Federal Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax (GST)," Halfmoon Education, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas, August 2017

- Speaker, “Legacy IRA Act,” Carthage Community Foundation, Carthage, Missouri, November 2016
- Speaker, “Charitable Lead Annuity Trust Planning,” Mid-America Planning Giving Council, Kansas City, November 2015
- Speaker, “Asset Protection,” Annual Trust & Estate Institute, The Missouri Bar, Columbia, Missouri, October 2015
- Speaker, “Representing Family Business Clients,” Fundamentals of Estate Planning, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, October 2015
- Speaker, “Revocable Living Trusts and Ethical Considerations,” Trusts 101, National Business Institute, Kansas City, May 2014
- Speaker, “The Laws and Rules Governing Trustees and Overcoming Ethical Challenges,” Fundamentals of Trust Administration, National Business Institute, May 2012
- Speaker, “Overview of Asset Protection Strategies,” Estate Planning Internship Program, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, October 2011
- Speaker, “Asset Protection,” BKD One Great Week, Kansas City, November 2010
- Speaker, “Practical Guide to Probate and Estate Administration,” University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, March 2009 and September 2010

Publications

- Co-author, “Estate Planning Considerations, in Practitioner’s Guide to Kansas Family Law,” Kansas Bar Association, 2013 and 2016
- Author, “Over the Horizon, Some Estate-Gift Tax Issues Loom,” *Ingram’s*, April 2011

Professional Activities

- Mid-America Charitable Gift Planners, Board Member, 2018; Secretary, 2019-2020; President-Elect, 2021; President, 2022
- Estate Planning Society of Kansas City, Secretary, 2016-2017; Vice President, 2017-2018; President, 2018-2019
- Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium, Board Member
- The Missouri Bar, Member
- Kansas Bar Association, Member
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Member

Community Involvement

- Children's Mercy Hospital Donald H. Chisholm Planned Giving Council, Member