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PRACTICE AREAS:

Estate Planning, Estate Tax Planning & Probate

OVERVIEW

Sherman Snow is a Director in the firm's Business Transactions Practice Group and has been practicing for over fifteen years primarily in estate planning and probates.

He has prepared hundreds of wills and trusts, for a variety of people and circumstances. He has experience with prenuptial agreements, business entities, and preparation of estate and gift tax returns.

Sherman is passionate about helping people "get their stuff together" and getting them prepared for when the unexpected happens. He has worked with clients from all over the State of Washington and has regularly done house calls for clients, including those with mobility or health issues.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Estate litigation – helped families resolve difficult situations when a family member dies.
- Wills for young families - helped parents get a plan in place to provide for their young children.
- Wills for clients with adult children – assisted older parents in settling their affairs now, to help avoid future problems and messes for their children to clean up.
- Unmarried couples – Created plans for unmarried couples to help care for one another and have a plan in place upon death.
- Family businesses and properties - helped families manage multiple properties or family held businesses, and plan for transfer to the next generation.
- Second marriages – assisted families with children from prior marriages, and planning for passing on estates to blended families and stepchildren.
- Prenuptial agreements – drafted agreements to help clients define the status of assets in the relationship.
- Taxable estates – at death of family member, helped families work through tax issues in multimillion dollar estates, and with estate tax returns.
- Unique situations – prepared trust for couple's pet parrots (that can live up to 70 years).

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Professor, Seattle University School of Law for legal writing and drafting estate planning documents
- Presenter, *Planning for Incapacity: Health Care Issues*, Continuing Legal Education seminar (2012)
- Presenter, *Marshalling and Valuing Assets* and *Probating Estates that Include a Business*, Probate Boot Camp seminar (2013)
- Presenter, *Documenting Long Term Care, Incapacity, and End of Life Decisions* and *Trusts Used for Tax Reduction: Drafting Tips and Samples*, Estate Planning A-Z seminar (2013)
- Presenter, *Ethical Considerations* and *Planning for Unmarried Couples*, Estate Planning: A-Z seminar (2015)
- Presenter, *Trust Traps in Probate*, Probate: Everything You Need to Know seminar (2018)
- Presenter, *First Step in Probate* and *Advising the Personal Representative,* Probate Boot Camp seminar (2019)
- Presenter, *Legal Ethics* and *Other Trust Structures*, Trusts: the Ultimate Guide seminar (2020)
- Presenter, *Estate Planning in Times of Uncertainty,* Seattle Pacific University webinar (2020)

EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 2004

Seattle Pacific University, B.A., 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar

United States District Court, Western District of Washington