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BIOGRAPHY

As a member of the firm's Private Client group, Elizabeth Schlesinger concentrates her practice on estate planning and administration, with a focus on wealth transfer tax planning. She assists individuals and families with sophisticated trust and estate planning, estate and gift tax matters, and trust and probate administration. She additionally assists closely-held business owners in developing and implementing intergenerational succession planning strategies.

Ms. Schlesinger handles the drafting of estate planning documents including medical directives, durable powers of attorney, wills and "pour-over" wills, and various trusts. She also drafts business succession documents, private loan and refinance documents, and basic real estate documents including private leases and various deeds. Ms. Schlesinger has experience establishing business entities such as LPs and LLCs and overseeing the administration of irrevocable trusts, estates, and probate.

While attending law school at Washington University in St. Louis, Ms. Schlesinger received the Dean's Book Award and CALI Excellence for the Future Awards. She also served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Law and Policy* and participated in a variety of activities including the class gift committee and Outlaw.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America : Ones to Watch*- Tax & Trusts and Estates, 2020-2024
- Human Rights Campaign, National Board of Directors, Member
- The MUNY, Board of Directors, Member
- United Hebrew Congregation, Board of Trustees, Member
- Washington University School of Law OUTLaw Distinguished Alumni Award, 2014
- Washington University School of Law OUTLaw Distinguished Alumni Award, 2011
- Washington University School of Law Dean's Book Award, 2008
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Estate Planning & Drafting: Advanced Topics, 2008
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Family Wealth Planning and Drafting, 2007
- Washington University *Journal of Law and Policy*, Editor-in-Chief

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Member
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Lawyers for Equality

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 2008

EDUCATION

Washington University, J.D., 2008

Wellesley College, A.B., *cum laude*, 2005

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Private Client
- Tax & Private Client

RESOURCES

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Creating a Living Legacy,” Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts, June 14, 2019
- “Purple Pain: Legal Lessons We Can Learn from Prince,” Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts, March 12, 2018
- “The Advancement of Marriage Equality in the United States: Topics for Estate Planners,” the Missouri Bar / Missouri Judicial Conference Annual Meeting, September 22, 2016
- “Estate Planning in Missouri post Obergefell,” 27th Annual Estate Planning Institute hosted by BAMSL Probate & Trust Law Section, April 27, 2016
- “Probate and Trust Law,” Advising Your Clients: Pitfalls & Practice Tips after *Obergefell v. Hodges*, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis CLE Seminar, September 11, 2015

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Elizabeth Schlesinger Named 2024 Business of Pride Award 2024 Honoree by St. Louis Business Journal

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Schlesinger Named to SLBJ 2020 Class of Diverse Business Leaders

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