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BIOGRAPHY

Ed Tjaden is an associate in the firm's Tax and Private Client group and a member of the firm's Fiduciary Litigation Team. Ed's practice includes both estate planning and administration and fiduciary litigation. He assists individuals and families with sophisticated trust and estate planning, estate and gift tax matters and represents clients in trust and estate administration disputes in local courts.

Prior to joining the firm, Ed served as a Specialist in the United States Army. His legal experience includes sophisticated estate planning, probate and estate administration, and dispute resolution through both alternative dispute resolution and courtroom settings.

Ed received his J.D. from the Washington University School of Law, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and was inducted into the Washington Uniiversity School of Law Order of the Coif. He also served as the President of the Washington University Student Veterans Association and was the 2018 VFW-SVA Legistlative Fellow where he presented his proposal to members of Congress and the Executive Branch regarding incorporating peer mentorship into the VA Education Program. Ed also earned multiple CALI Excellence for the Future Awards as well as the Dean's Leadership Award. Ed also received a B.A. in Political Science from Eastern Illinois University.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Warrior Leader - Wounded Warrior Project

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri State Bar Association
- Eastern District of Missouri
- Southern District of Illinois
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL)

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2018
- Missouri, 2018
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

EDUCATION

- Washington University in St. Louis, J.D., Order of the Coif, magna cum laude, 2018
- Eastern Illinois University, B.A., 2014

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Private Client
- Tax & Private Client
- Fiduciary Disputes
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

EXPERIENCE

Ed handles the drafting of estate planning documents including medical directives, durable powers of attorney, wills and "pour-over" wills, and various trusts. He also drafts business succession documents, private loan and refinance documents, and basic real estate documents including private leases and various deeds. Ed also has experience resolving matters in various settings including mediations, arbitrations and in the courtroom. He has also conducted depositions and assisted in the resolution of claims involving a wide variety of disputes.

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

"Income Taxation of Decedents' Estates and Trusts," Estate Administration: Business and Tax-Related Issues (IICLE®, 2022).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "What's New in Decanting – Termination of Trusts and Use of Releases," BCLP Annual Trust and Estates Disputes Symposium, St. Louis, November 15, 2022

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Awards
Aug 10, 2022
Associate honored by LSEM for pro bono client collaboration