



“My clients are making some of the most important decisions of their lives. I am honored to advise them and assist them in understanding and implementing their options.”

Jeffrey Kolender

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Jeffrey Kolender chairs the firm’s Estate Planning and Estate & Trust Administration practice groups. He concentrates primarily in those areas and also advises small businesses in tax business planning. Jeffrey recognizes that each client is different and enjoys the challenge of creating a plan that accomplishes the client’s unique goals. He advises clients about adequately providing for their family, including saving taxes, creating trusts for children, planning for disability, and the special planning issues involved in second marriages and same-sex marriages.

He understands that estate planning can be a complex and emotional process for clients. Jeffrey always takes the time to educate his clients, in plain English, on their options so they may make well-informed decisions for what they believe is best for their family. He also works with families to assist them in administering a loved one’s estate, to ensure that the decedent’s goals are met.

Jeffrey has been recognized as one of the top estate lawyers in Maryland and D.C. Prior to joining the firm, he was a tax law specialist at the Bureau of National Affairs, where, among other things, he was the technical editor of the *Tax Management Estate Gifts and Trusts Journal*. Jeffrey also assisted in the writing, editing and publication of Tax Management’s analysis of the many legislative changes in the tax area, most notably those brought about by the Tax Reform Act of 1986. In addition, he was a co-editor of the Wills, Trusts and Estates Section, Annual Review of Maryland Case Law and has co-authored several articles of interest in the tax and estate planning area.

PRACTICE AREAS

Estate Planning

Estate & Trust Administration

Tax: Individual

Tax: Business

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland

District of Columbia

EDUCATION

LL.M. in Taxation, George Washington University National Law Center, 1984

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1983

B.A., Emory University, 1980

ACCOLADES & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America - *Best Lawyers* (2015-2021)
- Trusts and Estates

Best Law Firms – *U.S. News & Best Lawyers*
- Tier 2 National Ranking for Trusts & Estates
- Tier 1 Metropolitan (D.C. area) Ranking for Trusts & Estates

Maryland *Super Lawyers* (2011-2021)

Washington D.C. *Super Lawyers* (2011-2020)

"Top Financial Advisers - Estate Attorneys," - *Washingtonian* magazine (2019-2020)

"Top Attorneys," *Bethesda Magazine* (2019)
- Trusts and Estates

"Top Estate Lawyers" - *Bethesda Magazine* (2011, 2018)

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IN THE NEWS

Three Paley Rothman Attorneys Were Selected to Washingtonian's Top Financial Advisers list for 2020

Glenn Cooper No. 1, 13 Paley Rothman Attorneys Named to the 2021 Maryland Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Twenty Paley Rothman Attorneys Selected to 2021 Best Lawyers in America

Glenn Cooper Top 10, 14 Paley Rothman Attorneys Named to the 2020 Washington D.C. Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

14 Paley Rothman Attorneys Named to the 2020 Maryland Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Six Attorneys Listed in Washingtonian's December 2019 Edition

3 Paley Rothman Attorneys Listed in Bethesda Magazine's Top Estate Lawyers

Jeffrey Kolender and Deborah Cohn Participated in a "Business Toolbox Seminar"

Jeffrey Kolender Conducts "Dinner & Discussion" Program for the Montgomery County Medical Society

Jeffrey Kolender Named to Three-Year Term as Member of MC Foundation Planned Giving Committee

Jeffrey Kolender Participates in "Pre-Retirement" Seminar

Jeffrey Kolender Presents for the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Jeffrey Kolender Serves as Faculty Member for Estate Planning Seminar

Jeffrey Kolender Serves as Panelist at Hebrew Home of Greater Washington Event on Estate Planning

Jeffrey Kolender Speaks to MC Foundation Planned Giving Committee

Deborah Cohn and Jeffrey Kolender Present to World Bank

Jeffrey Kolender Provides Commentary in Forbes Article on Insurance Protection

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

“Advising Clients About Transfers to Children and Grandchildren – Tax and Practical Considerations” (Outline Co-Author)

“Basic Estate Planning for the Small to Mid-Sized Estate” (Outline Co-Author)

“Estate Planning for the Wealthy Client” (Outline Co-Author)

“Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts–Traps for the Unwary” (Outline Co-Author)

CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Bar Association of Montgomery County - Chair, Estates & Trusts Section (1992)

Montgomery College Foundation Planned Giving Committee - Member

Hebrew Home of Greater Washington - Board of Directors

B’Nai Israel Congregation - Board of Governors, Former Vice President

SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

"Ten Things You Should Know About Estate Planning," Lecturer

“Advising Clients About Transfers to Children and Grandchildren – Tax and Practical Considerations,” Lecturer

“Basic Estate Planning for the Small to Mid-Sized Estate,” Lecturer

“Estate Planning for the Wealthy Client,” Lecturer

“Eight Greatest Estate Planning Techniques in Maryland,” Lecturer

“Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts–Traps for the Unwary,” Lecturer