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Jim Head represents individuals and owners of closely held businesses in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, fiduciary litigation, tax, gift and estate tax controversy, business planning, charitable giving, and general business law matters. He regularly structures and implements business succession and transactional strategies for privately held companies, business owners, government contractors, and entrepreneurs to build, preserve, and transfer the value of their companies and personal net worth. Jim also represents banks and fiduciaries in state courts throughout Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia with respect to all areas of trust and estate disputes, including breach of fiduciary duty, will and trust interpretation, will contests, lost wills and trust modifications.

Having a passionate interest in art, Jim also advises collectors of art and antiques in the areas of purchases and sales, auction and dealer consignments, appraisal issues, conservation and restoration, art insurance and charitable giving. In 2014, he was appointed to George Mason University's School of Art Advisory Council, which works closely with the School of Art director and faculty to provide consulting and advice and support fundraising initiatives.

He is a member of the Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia bars and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Circuit Court for the Fourth Circuit, as well as the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Eastern District of Virginia. Jim is the president of the Northern Virginia Estate Planning Council, and he is a member of the Washington, D.C. Estate Planning Council. He holds membership in the American Bar Association's Section on Taxation and the bar associations of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Jim is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Trusts & Estates and Tax Law (2016-present), and he is listed in *Virginia Super Lawyers* and *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers* for Estate & Probate Law (2018-present). He has been included in several editions of *Who's Who in America*, including from 2013 to 2016, and in *Who's Who in Emerging Leaders* for 2007. He was honored to be listed in the 2005-2008 editions of *Who's Who in American Law*. In addition, Jim was listed in *Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars* magazine in 2007.

He received a Master of Laws in Taxation degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2000 and graduated with honors in 1995 from the George Washington University National Law Center. While in law school, Jim was the managing editor of *The Environmental Lawyer*. He is a 1992 *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

## Practice Areas

- Fiduciary Litigation
- Corporate
- Estate Planning: Private Client & Fiduciary Services
- Tax Law
- Tax Controversy
- Business Succession Planning
- Wealth Transfer Planning
- Entity Formation and Strategic Planning

## Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.), 2000
- George Washington University Law School (J.D.), 1995  
*The Environmental Lawyer*, Managing Editor
- University of Maryland (B.A.), 1992  
*magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

## Professional Affiliations

- Washington, D.C. Estate Planning Council - Member
- Northern Virginia Estate Planning Council - President
- American Bar Association, Section on Taxation - Member
- District of Columbia Bar Association - Member
- Maryland Bar Association - Member
- Virginia Bar Association - Member

## Awards

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Trusts & Estates Law and Tax Law (2016-present)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers* - Estate & Probate Law (2018-present)
- *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers* - Estate & Probate Law (2018-present)
- Listed in *Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars* magazine (2007)
- Listed in *Who's Who in American Law* (2005-2008)
- Listed in *Who's Who in America* (2003-2004, 2013-2016)
- Listed in *Who's Who in Emerging Leaders* (2007)
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell