Kenneth D. Meskin

Of Counsel

Kenneth D. Meskin has more than 40 years of experience in sophisticated trust and estate planning, the administration of trusts and estates, probate litigation, and closely-held business planning.

Ken is adept at using sophisticated and creative tax and estate planning techniques to ensure that assets pass to the intended beneficiaries at as little cost as possible to the client. To minimize state and federal tax burdens and transfer wealth, Ken has structured gift-giving programs, insurance planning, established charitable trusts and foundations, devised installment sale transactions, grantor trusts, qualified personal residence trusts, zeroed-out GRATs, and private annuity transactions, planned for the succession of family businesses to younger generations, and has drafted wills, revocable and irrevocable trust agreements, powers of attorney, and living wills.

In the area of estate and trust administration, Ken works on matters including estate and trust litigation; post-mortem tax planning; preparation of estate, gift, generation skipping, income and inheritance tax returns; federal estate tax audits; state inheritance proceedings; representation of clients before the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Tax Court; and guardianship issues and proceedings.

Ken regularly counsels closely held corporations and other companies on issues including tax strategies, tax disputes, mergers and acquisitions, structuring of joint ventures, partnerships and limited liability companies, and succession planning.

He frequently presents lectures on tax and estate planning topics to accountants, financial planners, insurance professionals, and other attorneys, and has authored numerous articles on related topics.

Ken is listed in the current issue of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the Trusts and Estates Law section, and was named the *Best Lawyers* Trusts and Estates "Lawyer of the Year" in the Woodbridge, New Jersey, Metro Area for 2019. He has also been selected for inclusion for *New Jersey Super Lawyers* in the Estate Planning & Probate section.

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Areas of practice

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New York University School of Law

LL.M., in Taxation

Harvard Law School

J.D.

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B.S. in Economics, *cum laude*

Professional Affiliations

New Jersey State Bar Association

Real Property, Probate & Tax Law Section

Essex County Bar Association

Taxation Section

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