



DOUGLAS C. LAWRENCE

doug.lawrence@stokeslaw.com
206.892.2151

800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000 • Seattle, Washington 98104-3179

PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Doug's practice focuses on estate planning and probate matters. Doug assists high net wealth individuals in evaluating and implementing personal planning strategies, and advises individuals and professional fiduciaries on estate and trust administration matters. Doug also acts as a mediator and arbitrator in trust and estate disputes.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Estate Planning

Gift and Estate Taxation

Probate and Trust Administration

EDUCATION:

Seattle University School of Law (formerly the University of Puget Sound School of Law), J.D., *summa cum laude* (1979)

Michigan State University, B.A. in Classical Studies, high honors, Phi Beta Kappa (1976)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Washington (1979)

Alaska (2008)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

Common representations involve:

- the preparation of wills, trusts and other documents to implement planning strategies
- the use of limited liability companies and family partnerships
- developing charitable planning options to meet charitable and family goals
- assisting with business transitions
- helping to resolve disputes involving interests in trusts and estates

Stokes Lawrence, P.S.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Actively involved in the drafting and passage of trust and estate legislation, including the Trust Act of 1984 and the 1999 Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution Act

Former Governor (8th Congressional District) and Treasurer, Washington State Bar Association Board (2005 - 2008)

MS Society - Greater Washington Chapter Board (2003 - 2005)

Fred Hutchinson Planned Giving Advisory Board (1999 - 2003)

Board Member, Community Enterprises of Issaquah/AtWork! (1987 - 2002)

Hope Heart Institute Planned Giving Advisory Board (1998 - 2000)

Past Chair of Executive Committee, Real Property, Probate & Trust Section of the Washington State Bar Association (1997 - 1998)

Estate Planning Professor, University of Washington School of Law JD and LLM programs (1995 - 1996)

Former Executive Committee member, Estate Planning Council of Seattle (1994 - 1996)

Past Chair, King County Bar Association's Real Property, Probate & Trust Section (1988)

University of Washington Planned Giving Board (1985 - 1987)

Former adjunct professor of law, Seattle University School of Law (1985 - 1986)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

"21st Century Ethics," presenter, University of Washington School of Law (October 2010)

"Outsourcing the Profession and Internet Legal Service Competition," The Law of Lawyering, Washington State Bar Association (December 2008)

"Ethics Update" - A Review of Final Changes in the WRPC," panelist, 51st Annual Estate Planning Seminar, Seattle (WSBA, November 2006)

Editor, Reutlinger's *Washington Law of Wills* and Intestate Succession (2d. ed. 2005)

"Ethics Update - A Review of Proposed Changes in the WRPC," panelist, 50th Annual Estate Planning Seminar, Seattle (WSBA, November 2005)

"Advanced Probate," program chair (WSBA, July 2005)

"The Essentials of Community Property: Introducing the New Washington Community Property Deskbook - Prenuptial Agreements and Community Property Agreements," (WSBA, November 2003)

"Mediation: An Answer for your Practice and your Clients," panelist, St. Paul Minnesota (American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, June 2003)

RECOGNITION:

Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

AV[®] rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

Washington State Bar Association Award of Merit (1999)

The Best Lawyers in America[®] in Trusts and Estates (1993-2012)