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Gary A. Powell

In Memoriam (1953 – 2024)

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Overview

Gary Powell was a founding partner of the firm's Springfield office, and a member of the Tax, Trusts, & Estates Group. Gary had more than 40 years of experience in estate planning, trust and estate administration, and tax and business transactions. His leadership abilities and expertise with sophisticated estate planning, business succession planning, business formation and acquisitions, and shareholder and buy-sell agreements were evident as he earnestly served clients and supported colleagues.

Gary was a trusted advisor to clients throughout the region, and a leader in business and civic communities.

Education

- New York University, 1979 (LLM), *Taxation*
- University of Missouri School of Law, 1979 (J.D.)
- University of Missouri – Columbia, 1976 (B.A.), *cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 1979

Court Admissions

- U.S. Tax Court, 1980
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 1979

Community Involvement

- Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise, President, 2022-2023

- Springfield Business Development Corporation, Former Board Member and President
- Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Board of Directors, Former Board Member
- Boys and Girls Club of Springfield, Board of Directors, Former President
- Salvation Army, Springfield, Missouri, Former Board Member and President

Distinctions

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fellow
- *Best Lawyers in America,* Trusts and Estates, 2012-2024
- *Best Lawyers in America,* Lawyer of the Year, Trusts and Estates, 2014, 2018, 2021, 2024
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Tax, 2010-2022

Memberships

- The Missouri Bar, Taxation Law Committee, Former Chair
- Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Former President, 2011