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Overview

Scott Blakesley is a partner and leader of the firm's Kansas City estate planning group.

Scott's practice involves all areas of estate planning and trust and estate administration, including family-owned businesses, planning for multiple generations, charitable gift planning, tax-exempt organizations, estate and gift tax planning, and general advice and counseling for family members involved in business and estate planning.

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law
- Iowa State University

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 1988

Community Involvement

- Children's Mercy Hospital, Planned Gift Council, Chair 2007
- Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Board Member, 2012-present
- St. Luke's Hospital Foundation, Planned Gift Committee
- Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri, Board Member; Former Resource Development Committee Chair
- Jewish Community Foundation, Legal Counsel, Professional Advisors Committee
- United Methodist Church of the Resurrection Foundation, Advisor and Former Board Member
- United Way of Greater Kansas City, Planned Giving Committee, Former Chair
- LEAVE A LEGACY Kansas City, Co-Chair, 2002-2005
- Kansas City Community Foundation, Professional Advisors Committee

Distinctions

- Estate Planning Society of Kansas City, Hall of Fame Inductee, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Trusts and Estates, 1995-2027
  - Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2022-2027
  - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, 2025-2027
  - Nonprofit / Charities Law, 2025-2027
- *Best Lawyers in America,* Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2017, 2019
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Estate & Probate, 2005-2025

Memberships

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fellow
- Estate Planning Society of Kansas City
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Probate & Trust Law Committee
- Lawyers Association of Kansas City
- Mid-America Planned Giving Council, President, 1995; Treasurer, 1999
- Partnership for Philanthropic Planning (formerly NCPG), Board Member, 1997-2001; President, 2001; Treasurer, 1999