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Areas of Practice

- Estate Planning
- Probate and Trust Administration
- Tax Planning
- Business Planning and Succession

Education

- Notre Dame Law School
J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1991
Notre Dame Law Review
Co-Director of the Domestic Violence Division of the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic
- University of Minnesota
B.A., 1988

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Kansas

Experience

Scott focuses his practice on representing high-net-worth individuals and families in sophisticated estate planning matters, with particular emphasis on minimizing gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer taxes, as well as advising closely held business owners on succession and charitable planning. Scott also represents individual and corporate trustees in complex trust and estate administration matters and is widely recognized for his depth of technical skill and practical judgment in this area.

In addition to his client work, Scott is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and has held numerous leadership roles within the profession, including serving as Kansas State Chair of ACTEC and as Chair of the Missouri Bar's Probate and Trust Law Committee. He is a frequent author and lecturer on estate planning and fiduciary law topics for professional organizations and bar associations.

Scott earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he was a member of the *Notre Dame Law Review*, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota. He is licensed to practice in Missouri and Kansas and has been consistently recognized by *Best Lawyers*, *Chambers High Net Worth*, and *Super Lawyers* for his work in trusts and estates

Distinctions

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Ranked for Private Wealth Law by *Chambers*, 2017-2025
- Awarded the "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for Litigation - Trusts and Estates in Kansas City, 2012, 2024, 2026
- Awarded the "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for Trusts and Estates in Kansas City, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* from 2005-2026 in the following fields:
 - Litigation - Trusts and Estates
 - Trusts and Estates
- Named a Top 100 Attorney in *Missouri and Kansas* by *Super Lawyers*
- Selected for inclusion in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, 2005-2025
- Martindale-Hubbell® "AV" Rating

Affiliations

- The Missouri Bar
Past Chair, Probate & Trust Law Committee
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
Past State Chair, Kansas