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Practice Areas

Estate Planning, Estate & Trust Administration

Admissions

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, University of Minnesota Law School, *cum laude*

Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1993, Accounting

David Patzer is the chair of Godfrey & Kahn's Estate Planning practice in the Milwaukee office and co-Chair of the firm's Fiduciary Litigation practice.

His areas of practice include fiduciary income taxation, estate and gift taxation, probate administration, and the preparation of marital agreements, wills, trusts and other estate planning instruments. Dave often implores estate planning techniques focused on leveraging the use of available tax exemptions including Family Limited Partnerships, Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts, Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, sales to defective Grantor Trusts and the creation and administration of family foundations. He works closely with the firm's Corporate practice on business succession matters for many of our closely held clients.

Activities

St. Francis Children's Center – Past President and Past Board Member

YMCA Camp Minikani – Board Member

Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum – Past President

Evan Scholars – Milwaukee Regional Alumni President

Wisconsin American College of Trust and Estate Counsel – Fellow

Honors

Recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager (2012-present)

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Trust and Estates, 2014 - present)

Recognized as a *Wisconsin Super Lawyer* (2017 - 2019)