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PRACTICES Private Clients and Estate Planning, Family Wealth and Estate Planning, Trust and Estate Administration

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Barbara Ferguson is Senior Counsel at Haynes Boone's Dallas office, where she advises clients on estate and income tax planning, probate law, marital property issues, fiduciary administration, and charitable planned giving. She works closely with individuals, families, and fiduciaries to develop strategies that preserve wealth and achieve long-term objectives.

She has extensive experience drafting wills and trust agreements, structuring wealth transfers, and guiding clients through probate and estate administration. Barbara also assists private foundations with tax exemption compliance and counsels trustees and executors on fiduciary duties. Her work includes preparing estate and fiduciary income tax returns and implementing planning techniques for estates ranging from modest to multi-billion-dollar portfolios.

Barbara's practice encompasses complex trust matters, IRS administrative proceedings, and expert witness services in estate tax and fiduciary law disputes. With a deep understanding of technical tax issues and family dynamics, she delivers tailored solutions for wealth transfer planning, charitable giving strategies, and fiduciary administration.

Barbara is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, with honors
- B.S., University of Houston, with highest honors

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- "Unique Estate Planning Opportunities Amid COVID-19," *Client Alert*, April 10, 2020
- "Estate Planning Dos and Don't During a Lockdown," *Client Alert*, March 25, 2020
- "IRS to Issue New Regulations on Valuation of Family Partnership Interests," *Client Alert*, August 20, 2015
- "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012," *Client Alert*, January 2, 2013
- "Estate Planning and Individual Income Tax Provisions in the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012," *Client Alert*, January 2, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- *Trusts & Estates* magazine, Editorial Board Member, 2005-2017
- Dallas Bar Association Probate Council, 2008-2009
- The Dallas Foundation, Advisory Council
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fellow

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates, 2006-2026
- *Texas Super Lawyers* magazine, 2003-2022
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, Tax: Trusts & Estates, Probate: Trust & Estates, 2005, 2011-2013, 2018, 2021
- Dallas Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, 2017
- The Nation's Top 10 Trusts & Estates Lawyers, *United States Lawyer Rankings*, 2010-2016
- *Chambers High Net Worth* guide, 2016
- Best Women Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2010
- Best Personal Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, Trusts and Estates, 2009

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