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Jim Blase advises clients on all aspects of their estate planning, including wealth transfer planning, charitable planning and trust modifications and administration. Jim also represents and assists fiduciaries in the administration of complex estates and trusts. By virtue of Jim's extensive knowledge of the tax code and his more than forty years of practical experience, Jim has established himself as a leader in the trust and estates field.

He is a frequent author and lecturer on a wide variety of estate planning subjects, and has authored over 70 articles and chapters for various professional publications, along with several books, including *Optimum Estate Planning* and *Estate Planning for IRAs and 401Ks: A Handbook for Individuals, Advisors and Attorneys*. Jim has taught a course in income taxation of trusts and estates in the Villanova University School of Law Graduate Tax Program, and courses in estate planning and wills and trusts at the St. Louis University School of Law.

Jim has an **A.V. Preeminent Peer Review Rating™** from Martindale-Hubbell® Law, which is the highest rating given for legal ability and ethics, and a perfect 5.0 out of 5.0 Martindale-Hubbell peer review score. Jim is also listed among America's Most Honored Lawyers - Top 1%.

Areas of Practice:

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Education:

- John Carroll University, B.S.B.A., 1978
- Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1981
- New York University Law School, Graduate Program in Taxation, LLM (Taxation), 1982

Bar and Court Admissions:

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- Missouri Bar Association