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Matt Ackmann is part of Reinhart's Trusts and Estates Practice, focusing primarily on estate and tax planning for business owners and wealthy families. Licensed in both Wisconsin and Illinois, Matt works to ensure his clients' legacies are protected and their beneficiaries, whether they be family members, friends and/or charities, are efficiently provided for. He believes in letting his clients guide discussions so that he fully understands their concerns and plans for business, medical and financial decisions. People spend their lifetimes building businesses, investments and other assets, and Matt leverages his skills to offer them peace of mind about the future.

Matt is efficient and responsive, able to distill the complex tax planning issues for high-net-worth and closely held business owners into easily digestible information. He recognizes that every client, family and situation is unique and requires acute attention to detail. Matt also advises clients regarding the formation and administration of private foundations and other tax-exempt organizations. In addition, Matt helps clients create specialized trusts to hold firearm collections and helps clients navigate the rigorous reporting requirements associated with certain regulated firearms.

Away from the office, Matt enjoys hunting, being outdoors, spending time with family and trying to keep up with his toddler.

Education

- J.D., Marquette University Law School
- B.A., Loyola University Chicago

Bar Admissions

Wisconsin, Illinois



Practices

- Trusts and Estates

Services

- Estate, Gift and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Planning
- Family-Owned Business
- Succession Planning
- Trust Services
- Arizona/California/Florida/Illinois/South Dakota Law Consultations
- Charitable Contributions and Planning
- Estate Planning
- Gift and Estate Tax Audits
- Prenuptial Agreements/Marital Agreements
- Retirement Planning/IRA Planning
- Trust and Estate Administration

Honors & Affiliations

Honors

- State Bar of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission recognition for performing more than 50 hours of *pro bono* legal services for those with limited means in 2017 and 2018

Affiliations

- State Bar of Wisconsin (G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy 2017-2018 Class Member)
- Milwaukee Bar Association (Trust & Estate Section Co-Chair)
- Waukesha County Bar Association
- Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum
- Waukesha County Estate Planning Council
- Donna Lexa Arts Centers (Board of Directors)
- Waukesha County Deer Advisory Council (Council Member)

Presentations

- "Gift Tax Fundamentals for Estate Planners," [Milwaukee Bar Association](#) (December 2023)



- "Legal Developments for Closely-Held Businesses, Annual Family Business Update," [State Bar of Wisconsin](#) (September 2023)
- "SECURE 2.0 Act & New Estate Planning Opportunities," [Wisconsin Association of Charitable Gift Planners](#) (March 2023)
- "2021 Tax Law Reform: Planning in Uncertain Times," [Planned Giving Council of Eastern Wisconsin](#) (November 2021)
- "Business Succession Fundamentals for Estate Planning Professionals," [Waukesha County Estate Planning Council](#) (November 2019)

Publications

- "[Ensuring Peace of Mind: Exploring the Benefits of Gun Trusts](#)," *Blue Magazine* | *Author*
- "Marital Property Law & Practice in Wisconsin," State Bar of Wisconsin | *Contributor*
- "[Removing Risk From Your Rewards](#)," *Blue Magazine* | *Author*