



**PRACTICE FOCUS**

John Lynham is a member of Offit Kurman's Estates and Trusts Practice Group. John focuses on estate planning needs, including administration, tax savings, asset protection, business succession, and philanthropy strategies. He also represents clients regarding will and trust defense and estate and trust administrations and before the IRS, District of Columbia, and states regarding audit and compliance issues.

John's experience includes estate and trust planning and administration; estate, generation-skipping, gift, and income taxation; real estate sales, leasing, and settlements; tax-exempt organizations, including the formation and operation of foundations; and litigation. He has also had significant involvement with the preparation of wills; revocable and irrevocable trusts; powers of attorney; estate, gift, and income tax returns; and the administration of probate and trust estates.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Obtained admission of copy of decedent's will to probate where original was apparently destroyed during postmortem break-in to residence and successfully defended dispositive scheme from challenge of undue influence.
- Employed defective grantor trust and self-cancelling notes to transfer a significant interest in client's business to descendants free of transfer taxes.

**RECOGNITIONS**

- The Best Lawyers in America - Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2011-2023
- The Best Lawyers in America - Trusts and Estates Law, 2006-2023
- Rated as AV Preeminent, the highest performance rating in the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings
- Super Lawyers, Washington, D.C., 2013-2021

**EDUCATION**

- George Washington University Law School, J.D.
- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M.
- University of Maryland, M.B.A.
- Trinity College, B.S.

**ADMISSIONS**

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. Supreme Court

**JOHN LYNHAM**

Principal, Bethesda

**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Estates and Trusts

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- D.C. Superior Court Advisory Committee on Probate and Fiduciary Rules, Member