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Jeff's practice involves complex estate planning and administration, business planning, succession planning, tax planning, elder care planning, and real estate. He is a licensed title insurance agent in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia and previously worked in the Tax Department of the Washington, D.C. office of Deloitte & Touche. He also served as a Judicial Clerk to the late Arnold Raum of the United States Tax Court.



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Practice Areas

- Business & Tax
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning & Administration
- Real Estate

Education

- Georgetown University, L.L.M. in Taxation; *Graduate with Distinction*
- University of Pittsburgh, J.D.
- Cornell University, B.S.; *Graduate with Distinction*

Admissions, Certifications, and Ratings

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Certifications

- Title Insurance Agent, Pennsylvania

Ratings

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

Honors

- Included in The Best Lawyers in America®, (Business Organizations including LLCs and Partnerships, 2024)

Community and Professional Service

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- Hagen History Center, *Board of Directors (2022-present)*
- Estate Planning Council of Erie, *Board of Directors; Board of Corporators*
- Hamot Health Foundation, *Board of Corporators*
- Erie Dance Conservatory, *Board Member (2003-2012); President (2009-2011)*
- Stairways Behavioral Health, *Investment Management Committee (2003-2009)*
- Mercy Center for Women, *Board Member (1999-2003)*
- Erie Runners Club, *Board Member (1996-1998)*
- Erie Cathedral Prep School, *Assistant Coach*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, 2013-2025
- Erie County Bar Association Seminar on Special Needs Trusts, October 2019
- LECOM Parkside Westminster Estate Planning Lecture Series, October 2016
- Erie County Bar Association Lunch-N-Learn Seminar: Statute Review, April 2015
- LifeWorks Erie Estate Planning Lecture Series, September and October 2014
- UPMC Hamot Spring Educational Session, May 2014
- **Speaking engagements include several others, for organizations such as:**
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Hamot Health Foundation
- Estate Planning Council of Erie
- Alzheimer's Association
- Northwest Legal Services
- Gannon University
- National Business Institute

Articles and Publications

- Probate (#*@$%!): Misconceptions, Pros, and Cons
- Planned Charitable Giving
- TOP 10 REASONS to HIRE AN ELDER LAW ATTORNEY
- Medicaid Spend Down: Convert Assets into Exempt Resources
- Medicaid Spend Down: Family Caregiver Contracts
- What Transfers are Exempt from the Medicaid Transfer Penalty?
- What Assets are Exempt for Medicaid Eligibility?
- Another Benefit of Medicaid Qualification: PA Filial Support Law
- Demystifying Medicaid Planning
- Estate Planning for Blended Families
- Grantor Trusts Explained: Trusts You Can't Trust
- GST, Easy as 1-2-3: Generation Skipping Transfer Tax
- MaxProtect Plan®: The Perfect Plan for Your Son/Daughter
- MEDICARE vs. MEDICAID: What's the difference?
- New Year: Check Your Information!
- Special Needs Trusts
- Special Needs Trusts: What, Why, When and What Else?
- Transferring Assets: In Trust or to Children?
- Top Mistakes In Administering Clients' Estates: How to Identify and Avoid Them
- Using Disclaimers in Estate Planning & Administration

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