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Board certified in Estate Planning and Probate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Chelsea focuses on estate and wealth transfer planning, probate and estate administration, asset protection planning, philanthropic planning, and marital property protection planning.

OVERVIEW

Chelsea focuses entirely on estate planning and private wealth and has done so her entire career. Her clients include professionals, business owners, entrepreneurs, executives, executors, trustees, multigenerational families, and more. Chelsea regularly meets with clients in Houston but has numerous clients in other Texas cities.

As family counsel, Chelsea provides clients with a clear explanation of the transfer tax and related laws while at the same time prioritizing the client’s financial security and appetite for complexity vs. simplicity. When appropriate and desired, she meets the next generation, educates them, and integrates them into the family plan and goals.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represents high-net-worth and ultra-high-net-worth clients in utilizing sophisticated estate planning techniques, such as family limited partnerships, intentionally defective grantor trusts, grantor-retained annuity trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts, and private foundations.
- Advises clients across a broad net-worth spectrum regarding basic testamentary and incapacity planning documents.
- Represents executors and trustees in estate and trust administration matters.
- Advises clients regarding generation-skipping transfer tax planning, including analysis of the impact of trust modification, division, or decanting on GST exemption.
- Negotiates and drafts premarital and postnuptial agreements.
- Advises clients regarding creditor and asset protection planning.

AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Trusts and Estates (2025)

- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Estate & Probate (2021-2022)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Trusts and Estates (2022-2026)
- *Houstonia Magazine,* Top Lawyer, Estate Planning (2019, 2022-2023)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Private Wealth Management

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Private Wealth Management
- Tax

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Estate Planning & Probate Law Advisory Commission, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (May 2022 to February 2025)
- Member, Houston Estate and Financial Forum
- Member, Houston Bar Association Trusts and Estate Section
- Member, The Houston Trusts & Estates Club
- Member, Houston Business and Estate Planning Council

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *magna cum laude, top 3% of graduating class*, 2012, *The Tax Lawyer*; Dean's List
- Baylor University, B.B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2009, Outstanding Undergraduate Accounting Student

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas