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ATTORNEY PROFILE

John Poffenbarger heads Karr Tuttle Campbell's Trusts and Estates department. He concentrates his practice in the areas of estate and trust planning for individuals and business planning for privately-held companies. He is experienced in a wide range of areas including wills and trusts, planning and formation of limited liability entities, estate and trust administration, generation skipping trusts and other advanced estate planning strategies, as well as business formations, shareholder and buy-sell agreements, and business succession planning. John also frequently handles estate and gift tax matters with the IRS. He has been named one of Washington's best lawyers by *Washington Law and Politics* magazine and *Super Lawyers* magazine on multiple occasions. In addition, John has handled estate matters for some of the Seattle area's most prominent musicians, and in that connection has been interviewed by Rolling Stone magazine.

MAJOR AREAS OF PRACTICE

Estate and trust planning and business succession planning

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Washington State Bar
U.S. Tax Court
Ninth Circuit Court

EDUCATION

B.S., *cum laude*, University of Oregon, 1984
J.D. University of Washington School of Law, 1987

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association (ABA)
- Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
- ABA Tax Section

Washington State Bar Association
- Partnership Law Committee
- Estate and Gift Tax Committee

King County Bar Association
Seattle Estate Planning Council

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Estate Planning for the Creative Person," 61st Annual Estate Planning Seminar, Estate Planning Council of Seattle and the University of Washington School of Law, co-presenter (November 8, 2016)

"Succession Planning and 'Buy-Sell' Agreements For Closely-Held Businesses," *Washington CPA 59(2)*, (Fall 2015)

"Family Limited Partnerships and LLC's," *Washington Partnership and LLC Deskbook, Chapter 22 (WSBA 2nd Edition, 2010)*

"Family Limited Partnerships and I.R.C. Section 2036," *WSBA Real Property, Probate & Trust Section Newsletter* (Winter 2004)

"Family Partnerships – Recent Developments," *WSBA Real Property, Probate & Trust Section Newsletter* (Spring 2000)

"The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997: (Some) Relief for the Family Enterprise," *Puget Sound Business Journal* (November 21, 1997)

"Succession Planning for Closely Held Businesses," *Puget Sound Business Journal* (November 1, 1996)

"Successful Estate Planning with a Family Limited Partnership," *Northwest Woodlands* magazine (Summer 1993)

"Highlights of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990," *WSBA Business Law Section Newsletter* (March 1991)

"General Utilities Repealed: Why Small Businesses Should be Excepted," 65 *Taxes* 604 (September 1987)

John is also a frequent speaker on estate and business planning topics

BACKGROUND

Previously, John was a Tax Specialist with KPMG Peat Marwick.