



**Saul S. Tilden**

## OVERVIEW

Saul Tilden advises individuals, families, and closely held businesses on matters involving estate planning, business succession planning, and probate and trust administration.

Saul is trusted by high-net-worth clients to develop tailored estate plans that reduce tax exposure while addressing complex family dynamics and personal goals. Known for his attentive client service, meticulous approach, and warm, approachable style, Saul is committed to delivering thoughtful, high-quality solutions that reflect each client's unique needs and values.

## EDUCATION

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2017  
— *UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy*, Editor-in-Chief
- University of Washington, B.A. in History, 2013

## RECOGNITION & HONORS

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* for Trusts and Estates (Yakima, WA), 2025-present
- Selected for inclusion as a Washington Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2023-present
- Volunteer of the Year, Central Washington Legal Aid, 2024

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

### ESTATE PLANNING

- Draft wills, revocable trusts, powers of attorney, and related estate planning documents for clients with Washington and federally taxable estates, balancing tax efficiency with non-tax goals.
- Design and establish irrevocable trusts and lifetime gifting strategies to reduce or eliminate estate tax exposure.
- Advise clients on integrating charitable giving into their estate plans to achieve philanthropic objectives alongside significant income and estate tax savings.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Estate Planning & Administration

Agriculture

## ADMISSIONS

- Washington

### **BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING**

- Advise owners of closely held businesses—including those in agriculture (hops, vineyards, fruit orchards) and manufacturing—on succession strategies involving gifts, sales, and redemptions.
- Coordinate implementation of business succession plans with clients' broader advisory team, including accountants, insurance professionals, and financial advisors.
- Form family LLCs and prepare key governance documents, including buy-sell agreements, stock transfer restrictions, and LLC operating agreements, to facilitate a smooth transition of ownership and management to the next generation.

### **TRUST & ESTATE ADMINISTRATION**

- Represent fiduciaries throughout estate and trust administration, including inventorying assets, notice to creditors and payment of creditor claims, tax filings, and distributions.
- Work with accountants on federal and Washington estate tax returns and provide representation in audits when necessary.
- Draft and negotiate nonjudicial settlement agreements to resolve disputes and achieve practical outcomes without litigation.

### **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- "Case Law Update," Washington State Bar Association, 21st Annual Trust & Estate Litigation Seminar (Apr. 2024)
- "Drafting Wills for Families," King County Bar Association, Estate Planning for the 99% CLE (Mar. 2024)
- "Case Law Update," presenter, Washington State Bar Association, 20th Annual Trust & Estate Litigation Seminar (Apr. 2023)
- "Community Property and Probate Administration," King County Bar Association, 18th Annual Probate Administration CLE (Nov. 2022)
- "Case Law Update," Washington State Bar Association, 19th Annual Trust & Estate Litigation Seminar (Apr. 2022)
- "Separate and Community Property Considerations in Probate Administration," King County Bar Association, 17th Annual Probate Administration CLE (Nov. 2021)
- "Identifying and Administering Separate and Community Property Assets," King County Bar Association, 16th Annual Probate Administration CLE (Oct. 2020)
- "Tortious Interference with an Expected Inheritance: Should Washington Resort to the Tort?" Washington State Bar Association, Real Property, Probate & Trust Section Newsletter (Summer 2020)

For a full list of Saul's presentations and publications, please email [marketing@stokeslaw.com](mailto:marketing@stokeslaw.com).

### **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Yakima Estate Planning Council
  - President, 2024-2025
- Yakima County Bar Association
- King County Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
- Washington State Bar Association
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
    - Midyear Meeting & Conference, Cochair, 2025
    - Executive Committee, 2022-2024
  - Taxation Section
- Yakima School District Discipline Appeal Council, Member, 2019-present
- Boy Scouts of America, Grand Columbia Council Board of Directors, Executive Committee, 2020-2023

### **CLERKSHIP**

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, Judicial Extern, Hon. John C. Coughenour, 2015

**OUTSIDE THE OFFICE**

In Saul's free time, he enjoys traveling, hiking, snowboarding, spending time with his family, friends, and two dogs, Nisa and Charlie, and occasionally practicing the mandolin or fiddle.