Brian D. Cororve
Partner

Leader of the firm's Estate Planning Practice Group, Brian Cororve brings more than 20 years of experience to counseling high-net-worth families, entrepreneurs and professionals on the most effective strategies for protecting sophisticated assets and business interests, preserving wealth through multiple generations and minimizing estate and gift taxes. His practice encompasses all aspects of complex estate planning, probate and estate administration, trust structuring and administration, asset protection planning and business succession planning. Brian is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Brian has substantial experience in developing a wide variety of advanced wealth preservation strategies tailored to each client's unique family dynamics and business interests, including family limited partnerships and all types of revocable and irrevocable trusts. He has also guided individual and institutional trustees to favorable results in numerous trust modification and reformation proceedings.

In addition to planning, Brian helps executors and family members navigate every phase of complex will probates and estate administration, including asset gathering and appraisal, payment of the decedent's debts, filing estate tax returns and distributing assets to beneficiaries. Although disputes between family members are often unavoidable when significant assets and business interests are at stake, Brian always explores every option available to prevent litigation and in some cases, helps clients negotiate family settlement agreements whenever possible to avoid the cost and stress of a prolonged courtroom battle.

Brian understands that the most challenging problems can be solved by an interdisciplinary team dedicated to protecting the client's interests. When a problem involves unique issues that go beyond his practice focus and require a more holistic approach, Brian draws on the diverse skills and experience of colleagues in the firm to design the best strategy that will achieve the client's goals. He also collaborates with his clients'

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Practices
Trusts & Estates

Education
J.D., The University of Texas School of Law (1998)
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Washington University in St. Louis (1995)

Bar Admissions
Texas (1998)

existing teams of family accountants, financial advisers and life insurance professionals to share ideas and maximize the effectiveness of his clients' estate planning and wealth preservation strategies.

Speeches and Presentations

- "It Toggles the Mind: Thoughts on Grantor Trusts and How to Turn Them On and Off", 2015 State Bar of Texas 26th Annual Estate Planning m& Probate Drafting Course (October 9, 2015)
- "Portability in the New Age of Estate Planning", 2014 State Bar of Texas 38th Annual Adv. Estate Planning & Probate Course (June 11, 2014)
- "Panel Discussion: Planning with Oil and Gas Interests", 2014 Houston Business and Estate Planning Council (April 17, 2014)
- "Planning with Oil and Gas Interests: What Every Estate Planner Should Know (But may be Afraid to Ask)", 2013 Houston Bar Association Probate, Trusts & Estate Section (May 28, 2013)
- "The Estate Planning Toolbox", Houston Bar Association What the General Practitioner Needs to Know Institute Civil Day (October 28, 2011)
- "Planning for Spouses in 2011 & 2012: Opportunities and Pitfalls", 2011 Houston Bar Association Probate, Trust & Estates Section (September 27, 2011)
- "What Do We Do Now That We Have NO Estate Planning Toolbox", 2010 Texas State Bar Advanced Estate Planning Strategies Course (April 8, 2010)
- "The Estate Planning Toolbox", 2009 Houston Bar Association Wills and Probate Institute (February 13, 2009)
- "Assisting in the Probate Process", 2008 Texas Estate Planning and Probate Practice for Paralegals Seminar (March 28, 2008)

- "The Texas Doctrine of Fraud on the Spouse", 2006 South Texas College of Law Wills and Probate Institute (September 15, 2006)
- "Pre & Post Mortem Planning for Retirement Accounts", 2002 Texas Bankers Association Estate Administration Seminar (October 9, 2002)
- "Hot Topics in Community Property Issues", 2001 Houston Bar Association CLE Seminar (March 22, 2001)

Honors

- Named a "Super Lawyer" by Texas Super Lawyers (a Thomson Reuters business) as published in *Texas Monthly* (2015 – 2019)

Organizational Involvement

- Houston Estate and Financial Forum
- State Bar of Texas
  - Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Section
- Houston Bar Association
  - Probate, Trusts and Estate Section, Board Member
- Houston Business and Estate Planning Council, Board Member
- Society of Financial Service Professionals, former Board member
- American Bar Association