

Scott Bayer

Associate

Scott Bayer helps high-net-worth individuals and families develop trust and estate planning strategies to protect considerable assets and business interests, preserve and transfer wealth, achieve their charitable goals, and minimize estate and gift taxes. He has substantial experience preparing wealth transfer agreements tailored to each client's unique needs and objectives, including wills, revocable trusts, generation-skipping transfer trusts and a variety of other sophisticated estate planning techniques.

Clients and their family offices count on Scott to advise on a broad range of matters, including estate planning for family members, transferring high-value special assets, structuring family business and property interests, and business succession planning to ensure the smooth transition of ownership and assets to the next generation. Scott also assists clients in many aspects of charitable planning, from structuring and counseling family foundations to preparing gift agreements with charitable organizations.

Guiding clients through the probate and estate administration process is another important feature of Scott's practice, including drafting court filings, asset gathering and appraisal, asset distribution, and preparation of estate and gift tax returns. He also has experience advising on trust administration issues and assisting clients in trust modification and decanting proceedings.

Speeches and Presentations

- "Playbook For Reviewing a Trust Drafted By Someone Else," State Bar of Texas, Handling Your First (or Next) Trust (February 2019)

Honors



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Industries

Family Office & Family Business

Practices

Trusts & Estates

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of
Houston Law Center (2011)

B.A., *cum laude*, Rhodes College
(2007)

Bar Admissions

Texas (2011)

Languages

Spanish

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in Woodward/White, Inc.'s *The Best Lawyers in America "Ones to Watch"* in the field of Trusts & Estates (2021)
- Named a *Houstonia Magazine* Top Lawyer in Houston (2020)

Organizational Involvement

Professional Involvement, Memberships & Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Estate & Financial Forum
- Houston Young Lawyers Association

Community Involvement, Memberships & Affiliations

- Generation One Mentor (2014 – present)
- The FORGE for Families, Triathlon Training Coach (2013)