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About Marcia

Marcia concentrates her practice on estate planning, organization and operation of charitable trusts and foundations, tax-related matters, and financial planning projects.

She also handles aspects of corporate representation, including helping clients structure and form appropriate operating entities, and advising closely held businesses on succession planning.

Marcia's Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Taxation Section; Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section; Labor and Employment Law Section
- Illinois Bar Association, Business Advice and Financial Planning Section; Elder Law Section; Trusts and Estates Section; Federal Taxation Section; Employee Benefits Section
- Winnebago County Bar Association, Estate Section

Areas of Focus

Services: Business Formation, Governance & Commercial Contracts;
Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation ;
Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs);
Private Banking & Private Wealth Management; Tax; Trusts & Estates

Recognition

- *Leading Lawyers Magazine*, Top 10 Downstate Trust; Will & Estate Planning Lawyers; Top 100 Downstate Consumer Lawyers; Top 100 Downstate Leading Lawyers; Top 100 Women Consumer Lawyers, 2019; Top 100 Downstate Leading Lawyers; Top 100 Women Consumer Lawyers, 2018; Leading Lawyer, Employee Benefits Law; Trusts, Wills & Estate Planning Law
- *Leading Lawyers Network Magazine*, Women's Edition, Profile, "Tax, Estate Clients Benefit from Her Laser Focus," November 2010
- Martindale-Hubbell, Distinguished® Peer Review Rating
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2005
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School), Order of John Marshall and the Gavel Society, Member

Credentials

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School), JD, *with distinction*, 1978
University of Missouri, BA, 1975

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

In her free time, Marcia enjoys a variety of activities such as gardening, gourmet cooking, fine dining, wine tasting, and travel.

Community/Civic Activities

- Laurent House Foundation, Inc., Rockford, Illinois, Member of the Board of Directors
- Rockford Symphony Orchestra Foundation, Member of Board of Directors
- Rockford Police Pension Board, Trustee by Mayoral Appointment
- Rockford East Cherry Valley Rotary Club
- Northern Illinois Planned Giving Council, Past Board Member (now part of the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Rockford Area Chapter)

- University Club of Rockford, Past Board Member
- Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Past Board Member
- Greenwich Village Art Fair, a benefit for the Rockford Art Museum, Steering Committee, Past Member
- Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden, Past Board Member; Klehm's President's Award, 2010
- P.H.A.S.E. Incorporated (now known as Remedies, Inc.), Past Board Member
- Wesley Willows Corporation, Past Board Member

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- "Working With Professional Advisors Using a Philanthropic Planning Model," Moderator, Association of Fundraising Professionals, Rockford, Illinois, November 2014
- "Provide and Protect, Important Life and Death Decisions," for Christ United Methodist Church, Rockford, Illinois, August 2014
- "A to Z for Bank ESOPs," CBAI CEO Forum, Illinois, November 2013
- "ESOPs from A to Z," U.S. Trust, Bank of America, Private Wealth Management, Chicago, Illinois, October 2013
- "A to Z for Bank ESOPs," CBAI's 39th Annual Convention & Expo, Springfield, Illinois, September 2013
- "Charitable and Planned Giving Issues," Northern Illinois Center for Non-Profit Excellence's "Legally Speaking" seminar, Rockford, Illinois, April 2012
- "2010 Tax Relief Act," Savant Capital Management, Inc., Estate Planning Roundtable Discussion, Rockford, Illinois, March 2011
- "Current Estate Planning Issues (Including How to Prevent the IRS or Other 'Undesirables' from Being your Primary Beneficiaries)," Hinshaw's 2005 Breakfast Seminar Series, Rockford, Illinois, April 2005

Publications

- "[Charitable Gift Policies: Not All Gifts Are Good – Just Ask the Trojans](#)," *The Voice*, Rockford Chamber of Commerce, July 2012
- "Retirement Plans and IRAs," chapter author, "Postmortem Estate Planning," Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2014 and 2010 edition

Events

- Marcia Mueller to Moderate Discussion at Rockford Association of Fundraising Professionals Event, Nov 14, 2014
- Marcia L. Mueller to hold presentation on "Provide and Protect, Important Life and Death Decisions", Aug 27, 2014

Hinshaw Alerts

- Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation under the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, Mar 29, 2018
- Top Ten Reasons to Avoid Planning for Your Estate... Yes, You Read That Correctly, Dec 19, 2017
- IRS to Treat Lawfully Married Same-Sex Couples as Married for All Federal Tax Purposes, Sep 4, 2013
- American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 Will Be Effective January 1, 2013, Jan 3, 2013
- Maximizing Your Gift Tax Benefits Before the Window of Opportunity Closes, Nov 16, 2012

Hinshaw Newsletters

- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2018 Edition, Dec 11, 2018
- Estate Planning Newsletter - Second Quarter 2018 Edition, Jul 19, 2018
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2016 Edition, Dec 19, 2016
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2015 Edition, Dec 15, 2015
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2014 Edition, Dec 2, 2014

In The News

- Jim Keeling and Marcia Mueller Discuss the Legal Intricacies of Business Succession Planning, Jun 9, 2023

Press Release

- Hinshaw's Rockford Seminar Series, Oct 9, 2017

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