

Jack W. Hawkins

Partner/Retired



Jack Hawkins has more than 50 years of experience in trusts, estates and tax law, helping wealthy individuals and families with interests that include oil and gas, ranching, automobile and equipment retailing and insurance matters. He handles estate planning and estate administration matters of all degrees of complexity, as well as special trust and fiduciary matters. In his estate planning practice, Jack focuses on personal and family issues, as well as transfer tax and fiduciary issues. He has represented estate representatives and taxpayers in administrative disputes and litigation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Jack has planned and represented estates of all sizes, including several estates of more than \$50 million. He provides solutions to the unique estate planning problems of corporate executives and handles integration of corporate employee benefits into an estate plan. Clients are especially interested in Jack's experience with the following:

- Multi-generational issues
- Exit and succession strategies
- Family holdings
- Reduction of the impact of federal estate and transfer
- Problems in the younger generations of well-to-do families
- Philanthropy and foundations
- Resolution of family conflicts
- Family office services

Clients say they prefer Jack's efficiency, grasp of family dynamics and knack for clear, practical solutions and explanations.

Awards and Recognition

- Awarded, Lifetime Achievement Award, Trusts and Estates Section, Dallas Bar Association Probate (2014)
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of Trusts and Estates (1987-2022)
- Recognized, Texas Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, as published in Texas Super Lawyers Magazine
 - Estate Planning & Probate (2003-2006)
- Recognized, Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine* (2003)
- Recognized, AV Preeminent® 5.0 out of 5 Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™ system

Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Member, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Member, Dallas Estate Planning Council

Community Involvement

- Member, Professional Advisory Committee, Dallas Foundation
- Member, Professional Advisory Committee, Communities Foundation of Texas
- Member, Rice University Fund Council
- Trustee, The Foundation at Highland Park Presbyterian Church
- Member, Highland Park Presbyterian Church
 - Reserve Elder
 - Former Member, Board of Trustees
- Former President, The University of Texas Law Alumni Association

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law (LL.B., cum laude, 1959)
- Rice University (B.A., honors, 1955)

Admissions

- Texas (1959)
- Texas State Courts (1959)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Tax Court (1963)