

Lawrence J. Pirtle

Partner/Retired



For several decades, Larry Pirtle has represented high net worth individuals and many generations of families in wealth preservation and management, estate planning, succession issues and the transfer and transmission of wealth to their families and others. He concentrates his practice in the areas of:

- Federal and state taxation
- Tax and estate planning
- Wills and trusts
- Probate
- Estate and trust administration
- Tax-exempt organizations
- Business entity formation
- Property and family wealth management and transfers
- Tax controversies before the Internal Revenue Service and Texas tax authorities

Larry represents and has represented many individual, business and institutional clients in matters and transactions of varied scope, size and complexity within his areas of practice. His experience covers a broad range, including:

- Wealth transfers, wills, trusts and associated planning
- Planning, formation, operation and transfers of family business and property ventures, including corporations, partnerships (general and limited), limited liability companies and trusts
- Representation of executors and trustees in connection with administration of estates and trusts and related matters
- Representation of estate and trust beneficiaries
- Federal and state taxation issues and related planning
- Controverted tax matters before federal and state tax authorities

- Property agreements, pre- and post-marital agreements, and related matters
- Charitable planning, family foundations and representation of tax-exempt organizations.

Awards and Recognition

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of Trusts and Estates (1991 – 2021)
- Selected for inclusion to the Texas *Super Lawyers*® list in the fields of Estate Planning & Probate (2003 – 2017)
- Recognized, Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas Magazine* (2005)
- Recognized, Houston's Best Lawyers, *Inside Houston Magazine*
- Peer Review Rated as AV Preeminent®, the highest performance rating in Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™
- Awarded the Distinguished Service Award in the field of Real Estate by the Probate and Trust Law Section of the Houston Bar Association (2014)

Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Houston Bar Association
 - Former Chairman, Continuing Legal Education Committee (1983 – 1984)
 - Participant, Legal Line
 - Participant, Speakers Bureau
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Board Member, Houston Law Review
 - Former Chairman of the Board (1992 – 1995)
- Certified Public Accountant, Texas
- Member, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Houston Chapter
- Master of the Bench and Past President, A.A. White American Inn of Court

Community Involvement

- Board Member and Former President, University of Houston Law Foundation
- Board Member and Past Chairman of the Board, Houston Law Review
- Member, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
- Former Member and Vice Chair, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1995 – 2002)
- Former Board Member, University of Houston Law Alumni Association (1982 – 1990)
 - Former Chairman of the Board (1988 – 1989)
- Former Board Member, Local Nonprofit Entities
- Former Coach, Youth Softball, Baseball, Soccer and Basketball

Education

- University of St. Thomas (M.L.A., 1992)
- University of Houston Law Center (J.D., summa cum laude, 1966)
- University of Houston (B.B.A., magna cum laude, 1962)

Admissions

- Texas (1966)
- Texas State Courts (1966)
- Supreme Court of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit