

Joe Demko

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PARTNER

Overview

Joe has been representing corporate, banking, and individual clients for over 20 years. He provides unique assistance to clients in transactional and tax matters due to his experience working for large multinational companies and a “Big Four” accounting firm.

As an attorney and accountant, Joe regularly counsels businesses and individuals in all phases of a business’s life-cycle, including choice of entity, formation, owner and employee agreements, business succession, and dissolution.

Joe teams with banks throughout the Midwest to provide cost effective, attorney prepared and reviewed documents for SBA and conventional loans of all sizes. He also represents banks in mergers and acquisitions and loan workouts, and assists individuals with estate planning and trust administration. As a seasoned attorney, Joe counsels beneficiaries and trustees as they consider critical personal, legal, and financial decisions, including tax and administration issues. In the event of disputes or other unforeseen problems, he diligently works to ensure that assets are distributed properly.

He also works on a range of tax compliance matters related to audits, ruling requests, and tax exemptions, and counsels companies and individuals on income, employment, and sales tax disputes.

Outside of the office, Joe spends time with his family and coaches his children in youth sports.

Experience

Secured a Settlement and Written Acknowledgment of Liability for a Small Trucking Company

Served as Counsel to an HVAC Company Resolving its Employment Tax Liability

SERVICES

Banking & Finance

Corporate & Securities

Mergers & Acquisitions

Nonprofit Institutions & Tax-Exempt Organizations

Outside General Counsel

Tax

Trusts, Estates & Succession Planning

EDUCATION

St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2000

Indiana University, B.S., Accounting, 1997

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

Joe Demko

Represents a Large Multi-National Bank in the Documentation, Review and Negotiation of Business and Commercial Real Estate Loans

Serves as Counsel to an Amateur Sports Organization and its Establishment of a Scholarship Program

Serves as Counsel to an Individual in the Sale of his Biotech Company

Served as Trustee to an Estate Where the Decedent Did Not Have Any Direct Descendants

Serves as Outside Counsel to a Fuel Systems Company in Various Acquisitions of Vertically Integrated and Complimentary Companies

Developed an Integrated Structure for a Growing Financial Services Company to Conform Ownership Structure with SEC and IRS Regulations

Represents a Privately Held Construction and Leasing Company in Daily Corporate Legal Needs

Represented the Beneficiaries of a Trust in a Dispute Against the Trustee

Membership & Involvement

- Member: The Missouri Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association; United States Tax Court; Missouri Bankers Association; Veiled Prophets of St Louis; Knights of the Cauliflower Ear; Estate Planning Council of St. Louis
- Board Member: Chaminade College Prep Hockey Club
- Director, Secretary: Code Smile
- Treasurer, Executive and Finance Committee: Paraquad, Inc. (2010-2019)

Honors

- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Trusts and Estates: 2024

Firm News

92 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America Firm News, August 17, 2023

Alerts

Tax and Retirement Planning: The SECURE Act in 2020

Business Succession Opportunities after Tax Reform

Now's The Time to Complete Your Asset Purchase Plan!

Speaking Engagements

Tax Changes on the Horizon with the Biden Administration
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, April 14, 2021

Family Business Succession
Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webinar, October 13, 2016

Fundamentals of Buying and Operating Business Aircraft
Amundsen Davis, Seminar, Chicago, IL, September 20, 2016

2016 Tax Changes Update
Webinar, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, March 1, 2016

Blog Posts

Time for Employers that Were Subject to FFCRA Leave to Send Corrected W-2s?
Labor & Employment Law Update, February 2, 2021

The Death of Reserved Employee Parking?
Labor & Employment Law Update, March 27, 2019

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