Andrew L. Gespass

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OVERVIEW

Estate and Trust Law: Including tax and business succession planning, estate and trust administration, charitable gift planning and fiduciary litigation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Mr. Gespass maintains active practices in New York and Pennsylvania. He was formerly adjunct professor at Duquesne University, where he taught the Estate Planning course.

He was designated a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Philadelphia magazine* from 2008 to 2013 and has been listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2009.

He has also lectured and written articles on various estate planning and related topics.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *The Best Lawyers in America,* Trusts and Estates and Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2009-2021

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- W.I.L.L.S. - “Working to Instill Life-Long Security” Designed and implemented semi-annual pro bono program co-sponsored by MetLife and K&L Gates to provide basic estate planning documents for New York first responders, now expanded to Actors' Equity members
- New York State Bar Association (Trust and Estates Law section)
- Allegheny County Bar Association (Probate and Trust Law section)
- American Bar Association (Real Property and Probate and Tax sections)
- Trustee, Solebury School, New Hope, PA
- Pennsylvania Bar Association (Real Property and Probate section)

- Fellow, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “What Can Lawyers and CPA's do Before Year-End?,” Vital Year End Tax, Business and Estate Law Strategy Forum, sponsored by Duquesne University/Allegheny County Law Library, December 11, 2014
- “How to Prepare the Fiduciary Income & Decedent's Final Lifetime Income Tax Returns,” sponsored by American Bar Institute, September 2014
- “Tax Planning for Trusts and Estates,” sponsored by National Business Institute, December 17, 2012
- “Developments in Fiduciary Litigation,” sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute, August 26, 2009
- “Tax-Wise Gifting,” sponsored by Planned Giving Council, April 24, 2008
- “Overcoming Challenges in Planning for Remarried Couples”; and “Estate Planning Techniques for Unmarried Couples,” Estate Planning for Non-Traditional Families, sponsored by the National Business Institute, November 30, 2007 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Charitable Gift Developments,” sponsored by PNC Bank, November 6, 2003
- “Uniform Principal and Income,” sponsored by Mellon Bank, August, 2002
- “An Interpretation of Reams: The 2001 Tax Act Explained in an Hour,” sponsored by Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, November 14, 2001
- “Family Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies in Pennsylvania,” sponsored by National Business Institute, March 23, 1999
- “Public Markets, Private Capital and Tax-Efficient Investing,” sponsored by Henry H. Armstrong Associates, Inc. and Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, September 10, 1998
- “ Pennsylvania Probate: Beyond the Basics,” sponsored by National Business Institute, March 17, 1998
- “Gift and Estate Tax New Developments Old Concerns,” sponsored by Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, October 14, 1997
- “Estate and Retirement Planning Effective Tax Strategies,” sponsored by Mellon Bank Private Banking, March 13, 1997
- “Asset Protection Planning,” sponsored by National Business Institute, January 13, 1995
- “Advanced Issues in Estate Administration,” sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute, July 24, 1991
- “The Role of CPAs in Directing Estate Planning,” Pennsylvania CPA Journal, Spring, 1991

EDUCATION

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 1983 *(Stone Scholar; Journal of Law & Social Problems)*

- B.A., Kenyon College, 1977 *(Phi Beta Kappa)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Bar of Pennsylvania

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “How to Prepare the Fiduciary Income & Decedent's Final Lifetime Income Tax Returns,” *sponsored by American Bar Institute*, September 2014
- "Estate Planning: It's Never Too Early to Think of the Future; This Rock-Solid Advice Can Get You Started," *TEQ Magazine*, January/February 2002
- “An Interpretation of Reams: The 2001 Tax Act Explained in an Hour,” *sponsored by Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh*, November 14, 2001

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Estate Planning and Trusts & Estates
- Corporate Tax
- Nonprofit Organizations