



Kelly Dean Brende

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Education:

- Creighton University, cum laude, J.D., 1995
- University of Missouri – Kansas City, LL.M, 1998
- Northern Michigan University, B.S.

Admissions:

- Missouri, 2000
- Kansas, 2001
- Nebraska, 1995

Principal Practice Areas:

- Corporate and Business Transactions
- Tax Services
- Trusts and Estates

Career Overview:

Ms. Kelly Brende's passion is providing the highest quality legal services in a manner that is easily understood by clients. Business planning, corporate law, estate planning, taxation and trust and estate administration can be difficult topics – Kelly helps clients comprehend these complex issues through her practical and client-focused approach.

Experience Overview:

For over 17 years, Kelly's practice has focused on estate planning, business planning, corporate law, trust and estate administration, charitable giving, asset protection, and business succession planning. As taxation issues are usually involved in business planning, corporate law, estate and trust areas, Ms. Brende has an LL.M. in taxation which greatly benefits her clients when dealing with these issues.

Kelly maintains her clients' trust by listening to their objectives and advising them regarding the options available and the likely tax and administrative consequences of their choices. Whether advising clients on an estate plan or the sale of their business, Kelly takes into account the technical requirements as well as the client's perspective regarding the plan or sale. Kelly's practice areas are very personal to the client, and she prides herself on her sensitivity to the client's needs.

Her business planning practice ranges from business entity formation, to dealing with every day business issues, to the sale, merger or acquisition of a business. Kelly likes to be proactive when dealing with business issues to assist clients in avoiding costly tax controversies and litigation. Kelly's estate planning practice includes advising clients on estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes as well as trust and income tax issues. Business succession planning (transferring the business to the next generation) is also a primary focus of Kelly's.

Kelly began her legal career by serving as a law clerk to Peter Kiewit Sons Inc. and Berkshire Hathaway both in Omaha, Nebraska. After law school, Kelly moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and was an associate with Baylor Evnen Curtiss Gruit & Witt. She then joined the national law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal (now SNR Denton) in their Kansas City office in 2000 where she was a senior associate until joining Swanson Midgley, LLC in 2005.

Professional Affiliations and Memberships:

- Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar
- Nebraska Bar
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar
- The American Bar Association

Additional Information:

Kelly is married and has three wonderful boys. She enjoys spending time with her family and volunteering at her church and other charitable organizations.

Publications:

- Revising Author, Missouri Estate Planning, Will Drafting and Estate Administration Forms, 2011 Edition, Lexis Nexis
- Contributing Author, Roy M. Adams, 21st Century Estate Planning: Practical Applications, 2003 Edition, Cannon Financial Institute.
- Chapter VII: Annual Exclusion Gift Planning.
- Chapter VIII: Planning for the Marital Deduction.
- Chapter IX: Planning with the Application Exclusion Amount.
- Contributing Author, Edwin T. Hood, John J. Mylan and Timothy P. O'Sullivan, Closely Held Businesses in Estate Planning, Second Edition (1998).
- Subchapter 2.04: An Overview of the Federal Estate Tax System.
- Subchapter 2.05: An Overview of the Generation Skipping Transfer (GST) Tax.