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Practice Areas

Estate Planning & Settlement

- Business Succession Planning
- Executive & Physician Planning
- Trust & Probate Litigation
- Trust Administration & Estate Settlement
- Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning

Trust & Wealth Management

Nonprofit Organizations

Admissions

State of Connecticut

Education

Western New England
University School of Law, J.D. (*magna cum laude*)

Western New England
University, B.S. (*summa cum laude*)

Overview

JP prepares estate planning documents tailored to the needs of each client. Clients rely on him to navigate through the estate and tax planning rules to advise and guide on trust administration matters and assist in the transfer of wealth from one generation to the next. JP's background working with tax-exempt organizations and closely held businesses helps him assist clients with the philanthropic and business succession aspects of their estate plan.

When establishing an estate plan, clients look to JP to draw upon his business law background to integrate business succession plans within their larger estate plans. This often includes designing, negotiating and funding buy-sell agreements for multi-generation family businesses. JP frequently works with families of closely held businesses on trust administration, transfer of wealth between generations, and compliance with corporate and tax rules for trust ownership of their business interests.

JP strives to provide responsive and practical advice. He takes a holistic view to estate planning knowing that each client has different goals and no estate plan is the same. The result is an estate plan that is comprehensive and that appropriately balances the tax objectives, family circumstances, and ultimate goals of the client.

Representative Experience

- Represented the executor and third generation family member of a closely held business in the transition of business interests and family wealth to the next generation.
- Represented corporate and individual trustees on trust administration matters, including tax compliance and related probate court proceedings.
- Represented a manufacturing company in the sale of its business to a multi-national strategic buyer.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Connecticut Bar Association
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), New England Fellow
- World Affairs Council of Connecticut, Inc., Board of Directors

Honors & Awards

- *Super Lawyers Connecticut Rising Star* for Estate & Probate (2019-2023)
- *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*™ for Closely Held Companies & Family Business Law; Nonprofit / Charities Law; Trusts & Estates (2023-2025)

While at Western New England University School of Law, JP was a competitor in the National Moot Court Competition. His honors include the Henry Downey Award for Outstanding Contribution to the *Law Review* and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Business Organizations, Business Succession Planning, Income Tax II, Evidence, Family Law, and Constitutional Law.

News

- Reid & Riege Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America