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Maintains client trust and listens to objectives.

Summary

For over 20 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. Taxation issues are involved in the business, estate and trust areas, and Kelly's LL.M. in taxation 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 personal needs 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 situation.

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.

Kelly speaks frequently on trust & estates and business planning issues. She recently has become the an Adjunct Professor at University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law teaching Federal Taxation of Trust and Estates.



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Summary (cont.)

Kelly began her legal career as a law clerk at 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 in their Kansas City office in 2000 where she was a senior associate until joining Swanson Midgley, LLC as a member in 2005.

Practice Areas

Corporate and Business Services

Employment, Labor, Benefits and Executive Compensation

Securities, Capital Markets, Corporate Finance

Tax

Trusts and Estates

Professional Affiliations

The Kansas Bar

Admissions

Missouri

Kansas

Nebraska

Education

LL.M, University of Missouri – Kansas City, 1998

J.D., Creighton University, cum laude, 1995

B.S., Northern Michigan University