

# Stephen E. Cupples

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## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Steve Cupples has been practicing for over 25 years in the areas of estate planning, taxation, estate and trust administration, estate and trust litigation, tax controversies and general business. He has designed and implemented estate plans dealing with the income, gift, estate and generation-skipping taxes associated with succession planning for individuals and privately held businesses. He also has extensive experience in will and trust constructions, tax controversies, real estate, family law (including marital agreements), charitable giving, asset protection, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.

In addition, Mr. Cupples advises trustees and executors in all aspects of their administration, including questions regarding their duties as a fiduciary, tax planning, tax preparation and record keeping.

### Distinction

Mr. Cupples graduated first in his law school class as well as first in his undergraduate class (A.B. in mathematics), both at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has focused his career on estate planning, taxation, estate and trust administration and succession planning for family businesses.

Mr. Cupples is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (elected 1990). Mr. Cupples is a past President of the Estate Planning Council of St. Louis and is currently a member of its board of directors. In addition, Mr. Cupples is a former chairman of the Tax Section of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and a former member of the Executive Committee of that organization.

Mr. Cupples lectures on topics related to estate planning, taxation, estate and trust administration, probate and succession planning for family businesses.

### Professional Affiliations

- **American Bar Association**
- **The Missouri Bar**
- **The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**
- **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel**  
Fellow
- **Estate Planning Council of St. Louis**  
President (2002-2003)  
Member (1991-Present)  
Board Member (1999-Present)
- **International Who's Who of Professionals**



### Civic Involvement

- American Cancer Society
- St. Louis Children's Hospital

### Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**  
Partner (1995-Present)
- **Lashly & Baer, P.C.**  
Partner (1987-1995)
- **Cupples, Edwards, Cooper & Singer**  
Partner (1986-1987)
- **Cupples & Cupples, P.C.**  
Partner (1985-1986)
- **Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel & Hetlage**  
Associate (1979-1984)

### Primary Practice Areas

- Private Client Services
- Taxation
- Estate and trust administration
- Probate
- Trust and Estate litigation
- Tax Controversies

### Licensure

- Missouri, 1979

## Education and Academic Honors

- **University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law**  
(J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1979)  
*Order of the Coif*  
*Missouri Law Review*
- **University of Missouri - Columbia**  
(A.B. (mathematics), *summa cum laude*, 1976)

## Other Bar Admissions

- United States Claims Court, 1988
- United States Tax Court, 1981
- United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1980
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 1980

## Representative Clients

- Burton Duenke Enterprises
- Dobbs Tire and Auto Centers, Inc.
- JBL Ventures, Inc.
- Londe Enterprises
- Mattingly Lumber & Millwork, Inc.
- Mid-County Physicians, Inc.
- National City Bank
- Private Foundations
- Tacony Corp.
- U.S. Bank, N.A.