



## Jeff Shelley

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### PRACTICES

- Charitable Gift Planning
- Closely Held Businesses
- Estate Planning
- Gifting Strategies
- Marital Agreements
- Probate and Trust Administration
- Trust and Estate Litigation

### EDUCATION

- Northwestern University School of Law, LLM, Taxation, 2013
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2010
- Purdue University, B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1998

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- US Patent and Trademark Office

### AFFILIATIONS

- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Estate Planning Council

Jeff counsels individuals, entrepreneurs, business owners, and family offices on estate planning and administration, transfer taxation, and business planning.

Jeff's prior scientific, tax, and business background gives him unique insights when providing clients with personal and business solutions. He assists clients with estate planning and tax services, which range from the preparation of basic estate plans to the creation and implementation of comprehensive wealth transfer plans for high net worth individuals.

He represents executors and trustees in the administration of estates and trusts, including counseling clients on federal and state estate tax returns and gift tax returns, and representing clients in probate court as well as before the IRS in gift and estate tax audits.

Jeff assists businesses and their owners with transactions, tax planning, and succession planning. He counsels clients on intellectual property protection, and has helped them enforce their intellectual property rights through litigation in state and federal courts and through other dispute resolution forums.

Jeff has Big Four accounting experience, having served as a tax consultant in research and development and government incentives. Before pursuing a career in law, he spent eight years as an engineer and research scientist with a leading consumer products company. There he pioneered new products and process in the development of diapers, filtration media, wipes, medical garments, and medical devices, and is a listed inventor on seven utility patents.

### Recognitions

- Recognized by his peers in "Leading Lawyers" (by Law Bulletin Media) in the categories of Individual and Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law, 2017-2022
- Named inventor in the following United States patents:
  - "Wipes Including Microencapsulated Delivery Vehicles and Phase Change Materials," Patent Number US 7,914,891 (issued March 29, 2011)
  - "Multilayer Approach to Producing Homofilament Crimp Spunbond,"

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2022-Present
- Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Helsing LLP Partner, 2020-2022 Counsel, 2017-2020
- Funkhouser Vegosen Liebman & Dunn Ltd. (FVLDD) Associate, 2013-2017
- Deloitte Senior Consultant, 2011-2013
- Kimberly-Clark Corporation Research Scientist, 1998-2006

Patent Number US 7,025,914 B2 (issued April 11, 2006)

- “Dual Capillary Spinneret for Production of Homofilament Crimp Fibers,” Patent Number US 6,830,640 B2 (issued December 14, 2004)
- “In-Line Heat Treatment of Homofilament Crimp Fibers,” Patent Number US 6,632,386 B2 (issued October 14, 2003)
- “Dual Capillary Spinneret with Single Outlet for Production of Homofilament Crimp Fibers,” Patent Number US 6,619,947 B2 (issued September 16, 2003)