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Paul Riekhof is the firm's managing director and a principal in Joseph, Greenwald & Laake's Estates and Trusts Group. He has more than 25 years of experience in representing individuals, families, and businesses in matters including estate planning, probate, trust administration, estate tax planning, business planning, guardianships, and estate litigation matters.

Paul's clients count on him for multi-faceted legal counsel that takes into account complex structures, tax liabilities, asset protection, and potential litigation issues. Paul has assisted many clients with strategic wealth preservation planning and trust administration matters, and takes pride in going the extra mile to identify all of the issues and making the process easier for his clients and their loved ones.

## Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- US District Court for the District of Maryland
- US Supreme Court

## Education

- University of Colorado School of Law, JD, 1995
- University of Chicago, BA, *with honors,* 1989

## Experience

- His experience includes representing and advising clients concerning all aspects of estate tax planning, wealth preservation, family business preservation, gift and charitable gift planning, buy-sell agreements, establishing special needs trusts and discretionary trusts to conserve assets for the benefit of disabled individuals, establishing irrevocable trusts to remove insurance and other assets from estates, establishing revocable trusts for probate avoidance, disability planning, trust reformation and estate and trust litigation.

## Honors

- Top Attorney, *Bethesda Magazine*, 2026

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- Managing Partner Award, *The Daily Record,* 2026
- Maryland's Estate & Trusts Law Power List, The Daily Record, 2025
- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2025–present

## Affiliations

- Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation
- Member, Appellate Courts Judicial Nominating Commission
- Former Co-Chair, Managing Partners Group of the Maryland State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Finance Council Member and Liaison/Chair, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
- Former Executive Director, Montgomery-Prince George's County Continuing Legal Education Institute, Inc.
- Former Member and past President, Board of Directors, Family Services, Inc. (now known as Sheppard Pratt – Gaithersburg)
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Montgomery County Bar Association

## Media

- "The Keys to Estate Planning During and After Divorce" Law.com, 2025
- "How does a divorce impact predivorce estate planning?" *The Daily Record*, 2024
- Probate: Maryland, Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, 2024
- Statutory Form Personal Financial Power of Attorney (MD), Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, 2023
- Anticipate Goals and Habits of Millennial Beneficiaries, *Estate Planning*, 2017
- Prince's Estate and the Countless Challenges Ahead, *Law 360*, 2016
- "The Unfortunate Burden: Dealing With State Estate Taxes." *Financial Advisor*
- "Estate Planning for Parents: What You Need to Do to Protect Your Family's Future." *Washington Parent*
- Author of numerous estate, trust and related tax articles and many CLE courses for legal publications, including Thompson Reuters *Practical Law*, *Estate Planning* and *Law360*

## Speaking Engagements

- All About Trusts For Estate Planning, Presenter, Halfmoon Education, 2022
- Overview of the Maryland Probate Process, The Probate Nation, Presenter, 2022
- Maryland Ancillary Probate, Presenter, The Probate Nation, , 2022
- Overview of the Maryland Probate Process, Complete Trust Course, Presenter, Halfmoon Education, 2017
- The Probate Nation, Presenter, , 2017
- Federal Fiduciary Income Tax Workshop, Presenter, Halfmoon Education, 2016
- Complete Trust Course, Presenter, Halfmoon Education, 2014

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## RELATED SERVICES

Appellate

Estates & Trusts

- Contested Estate Litigation
- Estate Planning
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Probate
- Trust Administration

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