Karla Kerschen Shepard



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With her professional and educational background, Karla provides a level of business acumen with her legal advice. And with 18 years of experience at Seigfreid Bingham, she prides herself on providing quality, efficient work.

The go-to attorney when tax controversies affect your business. Karla has the ability to provide bountiful legal knowledge about tax controversies with the IRS, preparation of federal and state individual returns, estate and gift tax returns, as well as fiduciary income tax returns for estates and trusts. A large portion of her practice includes estate planning. She enjoys creating or transitioning plans to help businesses continue to grow and thrive. She works on the preparation of wills and trusts, limited liability companies, S corporations, irrevocable trusts, and charitable trusts. She also helps design and implement a variety of compensation plans while providing input on employee benefit packages. Beyond her expertise, Karla enjoys getting to know each client and solving their business challenges, so it's no surprise that most of her clients turn into friends.

A problem solver with a positive attitude and a giving spirit. Karla sets herself apart from other Kansas City attorneys with her giving spirit to nonprofit organizations. She not only caters her legal services towards nonprofits—forming, qualifying and advising the tax-exempt entities on the applicability of federal and state laws to their organizations—but commits to pro bono work for a variety of local organizations outside of her time at Seigfreid Bingham including:

- HappyBottoms, Inc., Board Member
- Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc., Board Member & General Counsel
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Development Board Member
- Urban Rangers Corp., Board Member
- Heart of America Tax Institute, Past Co-Chair
- Young Leaders of United Way of Greater Kansas City, Former Chair of Education Subcommittee and Steering Committee Member
- Ann Catholic Church & School, 2008 Fall Festival Live Auction Co-Chair

Representatives Clients

- Catholic Charities
- ARC

Education

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

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

Kansas State University, B.S., 1992, Cum laude

Admissions

Kansas

Missouri

U.S. District Court

U.S. Tax Court

District of Kansas

Services

Estate Planning, Business Succession Planning, Probate, and Trust

Mergers & Acquisitions

Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations

Tax Law

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar

Employment Law

Employee Benefits