

Thomas K. Edelmann

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Tom Edelmann has over 40 years of experience in the practice of law. His experience in estate planning and fiduciary law enables him to assist clients in their estate planning.

In his first twelve years of practice, Tom handled a variety of matters at a general practice law firm in Clayton, including civil litigation, appellate work, and document preparation with emphases on governmental entities, corporate and other business entities, real estate and estate planning. He briefed and argued cases on appeal to the Missouri Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Missouri, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He also prepared wills and trust instruments for both clients of modest means and for clients with high net worth.

Tom left private practice to become Trust Counsel for St. Louis County Bank (which was soon acquired by Commerce Bank, N.A.) and held that position for over twenty years, after which he served as Trust Counsel at Fifth Third Bank Investment Advisors in St. Louis. As Trust Counsel, he advised department heads and staff on issues related to trust relationships, and he worked with attorneys in private practice on matters regarding their clients' estate plans involving the banks in a fiduciary capacity. Tom returned to the practice of law with MGD Law after retiring from U.S. Bank in St. Louis, where he held the position of Senior Trust Officer and administered trust accounts and investment-management accounts for clients with high net worth.

Tom has served as a volunteer with numerous charitable, professional, and civic organizations.

PRACTICE AREAS

Estate & Wealth Planning

Advice for Trustees and
Personal Representatives

Trust and Estate
Administration

Charitable Planning

Tax Advice

Estate Tax, Gift Tax, and
Generation-Skipping
Transfer Tax Law

EDUCATION

- **Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, J.D.** 1969
– *Urban Law Annual*, Student Editor
- **Fordham University, A.B.** 1966

ADMISSIONS

- **Missouri** 1969

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- **Missouri Bar**
 - Member, Estate Planning and Probate Administration Committee
- **Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**
 - Former Chair, Probate and Trust Law Section
 - Former Member, Steering Committee for Probate and Trust Law Section
- **Estate Planning Council of St. Louis** MEMBER

COMMUNITY BOARDS

- **Nerinx Hall High School**
FORMER CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER
- **Grace Hill Settlement House** FORMER BOARD
CHAIR, CO-CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER
- **Arthritis Foundation of St. Louis**
FORMER CHAIR OF PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE
- **Care and Counseling** FORMER BOARD MEMBER
AND CHAIR OF PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE,
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER
- **Doorways** FORMER BOARD MEMBER AND CHAIR
OF PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE
- **Saint Louis Art Museum** FORMER MEMBER OF
PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL
- **Christ Church Cathedral** FORMER SENIOR
WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN AND CHAPTER MEMBER
- **Episcopal Diocese of Missouri**
FORMER MEMBER OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL
- **Repertory Theatre of St. Louis**
FORMER MEMBER OF PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE
- **St. Louis Children's Hospital**
FORMER MEMBER OF PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE
- **St. Louis Symphony Society**
FORMER MEMBER OF PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE
- **United Way of Greater St. Louis**
FORMER ALLOCATION PANEL MEMBER
- **Missouri Botanical Garden** EDUCATION VOLUNTEER