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Practice Areas

Estate Planning &
Administration

Tax & Estates

Transactional Tax (Federal &
International)

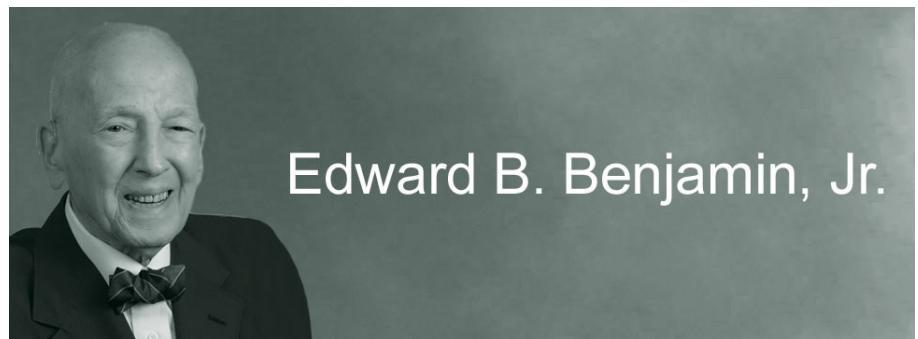
Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1952

Education

Tulane University Law
School, J.D., 1952, *summa
cum laude*; Order Of The
Coif; Editor-In-Chief, *Tulane
Law Review*

Yale University, B.S., 1944;
in absentia



Ed Benjamin commenced his practice in 1952 and joined Jones Walker in 1967, where he has practiced since. His practice focuses on transactional law, concentrating on estate planning, trusts, tax planning for business entities and individuals, and administration of estates. He has tried, appealed, and won a number of tax, trust and estate planning cases, and has been retained as an expert in three major tax court cases and two major trust cases.

Mr. Benjamin has been the president of the American College of Probate Counsel (now the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel), the president of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, the secretary of the American Bar Association's Section on Taxation, a member of the council of that section, and (partially overlapping that service) a member of the Council of the American Bar Association's Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law; he was the first of only two persons ever to serve on both councils at the same time and is one of only four persons who have ever served on both councils at any time. He is a life member of the American Law Institute and the Louisiana State Law Institute and an original member of the American College of Tax Counsel, and he has served as vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Legal Foundation. He has served as chair of several committees of the American Bar Association Section on Taxation and also as chair of several committees of the American Bar Association Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law. He was the Liaison Representative of the American Bar Association to the National Commissioners' Conference on Uniform State Laws in drafting two Uniform Laws: the Uniform Transfers to Minors Law and the Uniform Succession Without Administration Law.

Mr. Benjamin has lectured professionally at a number of tax and estate planning institutes around the country, including the New York University Institute on Taxation, the University of Miami Institute on Estate Planning,

the Southern Federal Tax Institute, the Tulane Tax Institute (of which he has been Program Chairman and a long-time member of the Program Committee), the University of Texas Tax Institute, the World Trade Institute of New York, the American Bar Association's Annual Meetings, the American College of Probate Counsel's Annual Meetings, the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law's Annual Meetings, the Texas Bar Association's Annual Meetings, and both the Southwestern Legal Foundation's Institute on Wills and Probate and its Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation, as well as the Mid-America Tax Institute, the Alabama Estate-Planning Institute, the University of Arkansas Fall Legal Institute on Probate, Property and Estates, the LSU Law School Annual Institute on Mineral Law, several ABA National Institutes, several ALI-ABA Institutes, several PLI Institutes, the Tulane Law School, the Tulane Law School Institute on Insurance, the Tulane Law School Institute on Estate Planning, the New Orleans Estate Planning Council, and a number of other estate planning or tax institutes—in some of the above institutes on several occasions.

Noteworthy

- Listed in the *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2009 (Copyright 2008 Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Tax Law and Trusts and Estates (listed annually since its inception)
- Listed in the 2007 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Estate Planning & Probate
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell.** *CV, BV and AV are registered certification marks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies. Martindale-Hubbell is the facilitator of a peer review rating process. Ratings reflect the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and the Judiciary. Martindale-Hubbell Ratings fall into two categories—legal ability and general ethical standards.*

Presentations

- "Louisiana's Experiences: Helpful For Civil-Law Or Mixed Jurisdictions Contemplating The Trust?"
International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, Cape Town, South Africa, 2008

Publications

- "Effects of the Proposed International Convention on the Law of Probate and Succession"
ACTEC Probate Notes. Vol. 14-45, 1998
- "Some Iconoclastic Views on Valuation"
ACTEC Probate Notes. Vol. 14-287, 1998

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Member, Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Marital Deduction Committee, and Valuation Of Business Property Committee; Member, Section on Taxation, Estate and Gift Tax Committee, Fiduciary Income Tax Committee, and Standards of Tax Practice Committee)
- American College of Tax Counsel
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (Member, Committees on Business Planning, Estate and Gift Tax, Fiduciary Income Tax, and Professional Standards)
- Episcopal Diocese Of Louisiana (Chancellor, 1984–2003)
- International Academy of Estate and Trust Law
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, Sections on Civil Law and Litigation, Corporate and Business Law, Mineral Law, Taxation, and Trusts, Estate, Probate and Immovable Law)
- Trinity Episcopal Church (Chancellor, 1967–1992)

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court, 1971

5th Cir., 1952

E.D. La., 1952
