



Abbie R. Pappas

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Abbie is an experienced estate planning, estate administration, and taxation attorney who works closely with clients to develop and analyze estate plans appropriate to their needs and objectives. She has experience in both domestic and international tax and estate planning, and provides counsel on the use of wills and trusts, gift planning, lifetime and post-mortem tax planning, living wills, powers of attorney, and estate administration. Abbie has lectured on the topic of charitable tax planning and has served as pro bono counsel for several nonprofit organizations. She is also experienced with Halachic estate planning and works with clients to develop comprehensive estate plans that conform to Jewish religious laws.

Education

- The Ohio State University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2010)
- Columbia Law School (J.D., 2013)
 - Executive Editor, Columbia Journal of Tax Law

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- New York

Professional Affiliations

- National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (*Accredited Estate Planner*®, 2025)
- Estate Planning Council of Cleveland
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law Section*)
- Ohio State Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Estate Planning Council of Cleveland (*Board of Directors*)
- Fuchs Mizrahi School (*Former Member, Board of Trustees*)

Practices & Industries

- Trusts & Estates
- Tax
- Business Succession Planning
- Business Law

- Jewish Federation of Cleveland (*Board of Trustees; Former Board Chair, Young Leadership Division; Member, Allocations Committee and Professional Advisory Council*)
- Menorah Park (*Associate Board*)
- University Hospitals Diamond Advisory Group (*Member*)
- The Rekindle Fellowship (*Participant, Cohort 4*)

Awards & Honors

- Ranked as one of Ohio's "Leaders in Their Field" in Private Wealth Law by Chambers High Net Worth Guide (2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Tax Law; Trusts and Estates (2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list of Rising Stars (2022-2025)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America, Tax Law; Trusts and Estates (2023-2025)
- Recipient of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Amb. Milton A. and Roslyn Z. Wolf Young Campaigner of the Year Award (2021)

Experience

- Coordinates and implements all aspects of estate planning and estate and trust administration, including planning, research, drafting, and execution.
- Counsels individuals and families in structuring various methods of achieving financial goals and the distribution of wealth, while minimizing the imposition of federal estate, gift, and generation skipping transfer taxes.
- Prepares a variety of complex trust and estate planning documents, including wills, revocable trusts, private settlement agreements, decanting instruments, insurance trusts, Crummey trusts, dynasty trusts, health care proxies and living wills, powers of attorney, and prenuptial agreements.
- Prepares federal estate and gift tax returns and related government filings.
- Works with representatives of charitable organizations to help them obtain and maintain tax-exempt status for their organizations.
- Consults with business owners to structure and implement business succession plans.
- Represents clients in probate and administration proceedings.

News & Media

July 23, 2026

UB Greensfelder Trusts & Estates Practice and Attorneys Recognized in Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2026

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

December 17, 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 57 UB Greensfelder Attorneys in 2025

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

November 29, 2023

Ulmer & Berne Announces 2024 Promotions, Names Two to Partner

August 17, 2023

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Report

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

August 18, 2022

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Report

June 13, 2022

Ulmer Expands Trusts & Estates Practice With Two Top-Notch Hires

Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- "Grandma's Estate: When We Practice our Professions Personally," *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (May/June 2026)
- "Global gridwork: Basic concepts in international estate planning," Estate Planning Council of Cleveland, *Smart Business* (December 2023)
- "Donor Advised Funds: A Charitable Vehicle for Backseat Drivers," *Currents* (November 2022)
- "Emergency Wills and a Window of Opportunity," *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (June 2021)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Before, During, and After the Shiva Call: Religious Considerations in Estate Planning," Northern Ohio Charitable Gift Planners (February 2024)
- "Protecting What You Love," Roundtable (August 2023)
- 50th Annual Jewish Federation of Cleveland Charitable Tax Seminar, Chair (June 2023)
- "A Gift-Giving Guide: Help Your Clients Make a Lasting Impact with Their Gifts," Ulmer & Berne LLP Webinar (December 2022)
- "Before, During, and After the Shiva Call: Religious Considerations in Estate Planning," Estate Planning Council of Cleveland (November 2022)
- "Leaving a Legacy: Jewish and Civil Aspects of Creating a Will," Cedar Sinai Synagogue (August 2021)
- "Estate Taxes III: Other Important Deductions and Elements of Planning with the Charitable Deduction," New York University Summer Institute in Taxation (July 2016)

In the News

- *Cleveland Jewish News*, "Estate planning approaches differ based on size of assets"
(March 20, 2026)