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Christopher D. Castellanos concentrates his practice in trusts and estates including a wide range of estate planning and probate matters, asset protection planning, and estate and trust administration. He is experienced in taxation, especially estate and gift tax and real property tax abatement, and has successfully represented clients in the U.S. Tax Court. He has successfully sought real property tax abatement for projects across Missouri, including Normandy, DeSoto, Kennett, St. Joseph and Excelsior Springs. In addition, he advises his clients in employment and non-competition agreements, corporate transactions, business succession planning, and trademarks.

Chris earned his J.D. and LL.M. in Tax from Washington University School of Law. In addition, Chris is a life member of the U.S. Chess Federation and has participated in rated chess competitions in five states.

Primary Practice Areas

- Business & Corporate
- Estate Planning

Bar Admissions

- Supreme Court of Missouri, 2003

Education & Academic Honors

- LL.M., Washington University School of Law, Tax, 2007
- J.D., Washington University School of Law, 2003
Dean's List
Scholar of Law, Gene & Marlene Zafft Academic Scholarship
- Intellectual Property Moot Court Team, 2002, 2003
- B.A., University of Missouri-St. Louis, Philosophy and Communication, minor in Legal Studies, 1995

Recent Publications or News

- "The Uniform Electronic Wills Act," Sponsored by Half Moon Seminars, CLE Seminar titled "Current Issues in Estate Planning"
- "The Complete Trust Course," CLE Seminar
- "Spouse's Rights and Family Maintenance Concerns," CLE Seminar

- “Ethical Issues in Probate Practice,” CLE Seminar
- “Revocable Living Trusts,” CLE Seminar
- “Coordinating IRAs and Pension Plan Assets,” CLE Seminar “Ethical Considerations in Estate Planning,” CLE Seminar
- “Avoiding Post-Mortem Traps,” CLE Seminar

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Community Service & Awards

- Foundation Fighting Blindness, St. Louis Chapter Leadership Team, 2009-2014
- Affton School District, Board of Directors, 2010-2016
- Competition Judge - moot court, mock trial, and debate competitions at high school, undergraduate and law school levels, 2003-Present
- Fontbonne University, Adjunct Professor, 2010-2020

Employment History

- Lashly & Baer, P.C.
Counsel, 2012-Present
- Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft, P.C.
Attorney, 2003-2012