



## Wendy M. Brekken

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Ms. Brekken, a shareholder of the firm, practices in the areas of estate planning and estate administration. Wendy strives to individually tailor each plan to match the client's personal goals and financial situation at all stages of the client's life. Wendy applies sophisticated, yet practical, solutions and techniques to accomplish these goals with an eye towards simplifying the administration following the death of a client.

Wendy's experience includes advising clients on all aspects of estate planning, including: wealth transfer and legacy planning for future generations; estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax matters; guardianship of children; planning for incapacity; prenuptial and cohabitation agreements; cabin agreements; succession issues for family-owned real estate and businesses; and supplemental and special needs trusts for persons with disabilities.

Wendy works closely with the other members of her estate planning team: Karen Hansen, Barbara Kristiansson, Jana Quast, Cindi Contreras, Tricia Cinker and Callie Johnson.

Wendy meets with clients in both of the Felhaber [Minneapolis](#) and [St. Paul](#) offices.

### Practice Areas

- [Estate Planning and Administration](#)
  - Estate Planning
  - Estate and Trust Administration
  - Estate Tax, Gift Tax and Generation-Transfer Tax Planning
  - Legacy Planning
  - Premarital and Cohabitation Agreements
  - Cabin Agreements
  - Business Succession Planning
  - Supplemental and Special Needs Trusts
  - Family Conflict Avoidance and Resolution

### Education

- J.D., William Mitchell College of Law, *Magna Cum Laude* (Top 10% of class), 2003
  - Editor, William Mitchell Law Review, 2002-2003
- B.A., St. Olaf College, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1997

### Bar Admission

- Minnesota, 2003

### Professional Certifications, Awards and Designations

- Nominated by Minnesota [Super Lawyers®](#) as a Rising Star, *Minnesota Law & Politics*, 2007-2009

### **Professional Activities and Memberships**

- Ramsey County Bar Association, Member
- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member
- Gillette Children's Hospital Planned Giving Committee, Member
- Estate Planning and Gift Council of St. Paul, Member

### **Legal Publications**

- Article - "Business Succession Planning: What Are You Waiting For?"

### **Speaking Engagements**

- Frequent speaker on estate planning, including the current estate tax laws and the continuing changes in estate tax laws and estate administration
- "Protecting Your Assets" - Seminar
- "The State of Estate Planning: Estate Planning Trends" - Seminar
- "Why (virtually) Everyone Needs a Will or Trust" - Seminar

### **Community Activities**

- Leadership St. Paul, Class of 2008
- Oak Ridge Elementary School PTO

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