

Brent F. Dille

Areas of Practice

- Estate Planning
- Estate Administration
- Business Organizations and Transactions
- Real Estate Law
- Municipal Law

Since graduating from law school, Brent has been guided by his philosophy of helping others. That desire led him to focus his practice on trust and estate administration. Brent designs and implements estate and gift tax plans for individuals and family groups. His practice also includes implementing succession planning techniques for closely held corporations, administering probate estates, and helping those families with members who have special needs.

“My goal as an estate planner is to make sure that the estate plans I create with my clients allow the estate to be administered in the most tax efficient and cost effective manner as possible.”

This approach is also evident in his business succession planning as well. “A comprehensive business succession (or estate plan) cannot be created in a vacuum. It is imperative to have the family and/or business tax and financial advisors intimately involved to ensure that all aspects of the family and business are fully reviewed and considered.”

In addition, Brent handles a variety of transactional matters for both real estate and business clients and also practices in municipal law and land use.

As a municipal attorney, Brent is responsible for the full range of projects associated with local cities, which include land use decisions, growth management, municipal financing, personnel matters, public records and open public meetings. He also represents municipal clients on a variety of other matters, such as shoreline management, local improvement districts, and civil service.

Brent has a strong commitment to the community, having been on the board of directors of the Hands On Children’s Museum since 2005 and a member of Olympia Rotary.

Outside the practice of law, Brent enjoys sailboat racing, boating with his family, skiing and golfing.

Education

- Seattle University School of Law, J.D.
- University of Washington, B.A.

Representative Clients

- Brent represents high net worth family business owners with corporate, succession and estate planning, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives and other documents to determine the management and disposition of clients' affairs in the event of disability or death.
- Lifetime personal planning, assisting clients in establishing family partnerships, lifetime trusts, charitable vehicles and other arrangements to suite their personalities and financial situations.
- Estate administration assisting the designated personal representative or trustee in carrying out his or her fiduciary duties, assembling the assets, meeting the tax and other legal requirements and distributing the estate in accordance with the governing documents.

Presentations

- When a Simple Will Isn't Enough
- Current Estate Planning Issues
- Estate Planning for Small- to Medium-Sized Estates
- Elder Law
- Beyond the Basics

Community Involvement

- Board of Directors, Hands-On Children's Museum
- Member, Washington State Bar Association; Real Property, Trust and Probate and Business Law Sections, Lecturer
- Member, Thurston County Bar Association
- Member, Pierce County Bar Association
- Member, Washington Association of Municipal Attorneys

Legal Specialties and Certifications

- City Attorney, City of Yelm