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**Curtis J. DeRoo has 30 years of experience as a tax attorney and general business advisor.**

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### **Bio**

Curtis co-chairs the firm's Estate and Trust Planning and Estate Administration Department.

Curtis drafts Wills, Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and Medical Powers of Attorney, as well as sophisticated estate planning tools such as Prenuptial Agreements, Irrevocable Insurance Trusts, Qualified Personal Residence Trusts (QPRT), Charitable Gifting, Charitable Trusts, Family Limited Partnerships, large Retirement Account (e.g. IRA) planning, and Family Foundations. He also settles estates in and out of probate, by counseling both corporate and non-corporate fiduciaries, and by completing all necessary tax returns, including income tax and estate tax returns. Curtis is also experienced in contested decedent estates on behalf of estates, family members and creditors.

In his corporate practice, Curtis advises family-held businesses and non-profit groups. His work includes the formation of partnerships, both profit and non-profit corporations, limited liability companies, tax advice, employment relations, executive compensation, real estate matters, drafting of contracts, mergers and acquisitions, succession planning, and retirement planning for business owners and wealthy individuals.

Curtis also creates and advises ERISA retirement plans, including pension, profit sharing, 401(k) and ESOPs. A growing segment of his practice concerns advising clients on health care issues as relates to the Affordable Care Act.

Curtis is listed in *The Best Attorneys in Michigan*<sup>®</sup>, Woodward/White, Inc., and is repeatedly in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>.

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### **Affiliations**

- State Bar of Michigan
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metro-Detroit

- Elder, Presbyterian Church (USA)
  - Trustee, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
  - Board Member, Habitat for Humanity, Grosse Pointe Partners
  - Board Member and Secretary, DeVlieg Foundation
  - Secretary, Hartmann Family Foundation
  - Secretary, Bregi Foundation
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## **Bar and Court Admissions**

- Michigan
  - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
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## **Education**

- Probate and Estate Planning Certificate, Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan, Institute of Continuing Legal Education
  - University of Michigan Law School, J.D.
  - Calvin College, B.A.
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## **Representative Matters**

- Advice and counsel on Obama-Care compliance.
- Estate planning under the \$5M exemption.
- Representation before the IRS on estate tax issues.