

# Jeffrey A. Zaluda

## Partner

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## Services

Art Law  
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Closely Held Business Planning  
Estate Planning  
Family Office Planning  
Fiduciary Counsel and Litigation  
Income Tax Planning  
Not-For-Profit Entities and  
Charitable Giving  
Business & Finance  
Tax





Jeff Zaluda is co-leader of the firm's Private Client practice. He focuses his practice on wealth preservation, estate planning and administration, fiduciary counsel and litigation, business planning, asset protection planning, and philanthropic planning and deployment of capital for social impact. Jeff works with high-net worth families and individuals, corporate and individual trustees and other fiduciaries, business owners and entrepreneurs, charitable foundations, and donors. He helps clients preserve assets for the long-term, aligning growth strategies with their personal and civic objectives.

Jeff built his practice by creating long-term relationships with clients who value his accessibility and ability to bring creative, practical, and empathetic solutions to their unique matters. He prides himself on responding to calls and e-mails promptly and answering his own phone when sitting at his desk.

Prior to joining the firm, Jeff was a partner in the Private Client, Trust and Estates Group at HMB Legal Counsel, a well-established and tax focused law firm based in Chicago, Illinois.

Jeff is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is listed in the 2025 and 14 years prior editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Family Law and Trusts and Estates Law. Jeff was named a "Leading Lawyer" in 2023 and 2024 for Trust, Will, and Estate Planning Law by *Leading Lawyers* magazine. He was recognized as an Illinois "Super Lawyer" from 2010 to 2021 and again in 2023, 2024 and 2025 for Estate Planning and Probate Law by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

## Experience

\*Assisted a high net worth client reestablish family and entity residency in Wyoming while simultaneously establishing a family office, initiating appropriate asset protection structures, implementing a private foundation, and creating vehicles for next generation involvement in entity and asset management.

\*Established a business ownership succession plan involving gifts and sales among a variety of entities for the benefit of family members, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars of sale proceeds being excluded from the clients' taxable estates.

\*Working with an advisory team on behalf of a high-profile professional athlete to ensure proper protections and vehicles are in place to ensure long term cash flow, family support, and philanthropic goals are met.

\*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick

## Education

American University Washington College of Law J.D. (1986) *cum laude*

University of Massachusetts B.A., Social Thought and Political Economy (1982) *magna cum laude*,  
*Commonwealth Scholar*

## Admissions

Illinois (1986)



## **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1986)

## **Professional & Community Activities**

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fellow

American Bar Association, Member

American Civil Liberties Union, Member

Chicago Bar Association, Member

Chicago Estate Planning Council, Member

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Member

JCUA Community Ventures Program, Advisory Board, Member

Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society in Israel (SVF), Member

## **Insights**

### [News Releases](#)

Kilpatrick Breaks Record for Number of Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®  
August 16, 2024

### [Events](#)

Creating Thoughtful (and Tax-Wise) Philanthropic Legacies in any Economic Climate  
November 16, 2022

### [Events](#)

ESG: No Longer a Trend You Can Ignore  
April 22, 2021

### [Events](#)

Generational Trends in Philanthropy Impacting Large Publicly Supported Charities  
September 18, 2019

### [Events](#)

Business Valuation 101 – From an Estate Planning Attorneys Perspective  
November 6, 2018