



MATTHEW FRERICHS

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OVERVIEW

Matthew Frerichs is a partner in Maslon's Estate Planning Group offering dedicated counsel in estate planning, trust and estate administration, guardianship and conservatorship law, and estate and trust litigation.

Matt's experience with complex estate planning law and his social work background make him uniquely equipped to navigate sensitive family dynamics while preserving his clients' legacy. He enjoys getting to know his clients and learning what goals and values are most important to them.

Matt frequently writes and presents on estate planning issues. His areas of expertise include mitigating risks in estate planning and the ethical issues attorneys face when working with clients with mental illness or diminished capacity.

Matt is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas, with a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in social work, and a law degree.

Matt believes firmly in giving back to the community and consistently provides pro bono services to clients, including serving on the board of trustees and participating in a legal clinic with the Jeremiah Program, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit dedicated to disrupting the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association: Probate and Trust Law Section
- The Jeremiah Program: Board of Trustees 2023-present, Pro Bono Legal Clinic Volunteer Attorney

SELECTED HONORS

- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2012-2013, 2015-2018, 2022 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Estate Planning

- Business Succession Planning
- Charitable Giving & Foundations
- Estate & Gift Tax Controversies
- Estate Planning, Wills & Trusts
- Prenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements
- Probate & Trust Administration
- Retirement Benefit Planning
- Tax Saving Strategies
- Trust & Estate Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas School of Law
J.D., 2004

Honors: University of St. Thomas Law
Journal, Associate Editor (2002-2003) and
Senior Editor (2003-2004)

University of St. Thomas
M.S.W., 1999
Social Work

University of St. Thomas
B.A., 1995
Psychology

recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.)

- **Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2023-2026**
- **Recognized as a Top Lawyer, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2023-2024** (The research for the Top Lawyers list, created by Professional Research Services, is based on an online peer-review survey sent to all attorneys in Minnesota.)
- **Recognized on *Minnesota Super Lawyers*® list, 2024-2025** (*Minnesota Super Lawyers*® is a designation given to only 5% of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Location, Location, Location: Strategies for Administering and Litigating Trusts Across State Lines
- Maslon's Inaugural Forum on Wealth Management and Litigation
- "Scenario-Based Estate Planning with *Drafting Wills and Trust Agreements Deskbook* Forms," co-presenter, Minnesota CLE, 2024
- "Proven Practice Pointers for Estate Planning Attorneys," co-presenter, Minnesota CLE, 2024
- "Opening an Estate, Inventory, and Disclaimers," co-presenter, Probate A to Z Webcast Series, Minnesota CLE, 2024.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Drafting Wills and Trust Agreements with eFormbook*, 9th Edition, co-author, Minnesota CLE, 2024