

## Benjamin T. White

### Senior Counsel

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***Exempt organizations with intractable tax and other legal problems look to Ben for seasoned representation. He has extensive experience providing strategic advice on the array of tax, business, cultural, governance, and political issues exempt organizations face.***

Ben White focuses his practice on exempt organizations of all kinds, as well as estate and tax planning. As senior counsel in the largest and most comprehensive exempt organizations practice in the Southeast, Ben is widely known for his successful representation of exempt organizations with intractable tax problems. His clients include international, national, regional and local tax-exempt organizations, public and private, located throughout the United States and in other countries. Ben counsels extensively with both exempt organizations and lawyers, accountants and other professionals representing exempt organizations; and he provides strategic advice on the array of tax, business, cultural and political issues that are distinct to exempt organizations.

Ben also maintains an extensive wealth planning practice, representing some of the wealthiest individuals and families in the Southeast and providing counseling to individual and institutional trustees, executors, personal representatives and other fiduciaries.

Ben was named by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as the 2012 Exempt Organizations “Lawyer of the Year” in Atlanta, 2013 Trusts and Estates Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” in Atlanta and 2014–2015 Non-Profit/Charities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Atlanta. He has also been recognized by *Chambers HNW* as a senior statesperson in Private Wealth Law – Georgia. Ben graduated from the Harvard Law School and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar.

### ***Publications & Presentations***

#### ***Publications***

- “Avoiding Conflicts of Interest and Self-Dealing for Family Foundation Boards,” National Center For Family Philanthropy, *Passages Issue Brief 2*, May 2013.

#### ***Professional & Community Engagement***

- Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Founding member of the faculty of the American Institute for Philanthropic Studies
- Served as Chairman of the Fiduciary Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia
- Served as President of the Harvard Law School Association of Georgia
- Member of the Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law of the American Bar Association
- Member of the Exempt Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association Tax Section
- Member of the Atlanta Tax Forum
- Former member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council
- Served as chair of the David, Helen, and Marian Woodward Fund for 10 years
- Current president of the Mark and Evelyn Trammell Foundation

- Served as chair of the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund
- Serves on the boards of a number of foundations and other charitable organizations
- Past president of the Alliance Theatre Company and served as a trustee of the Woodruff Arts Center for many years
- Author of numerous articles and papers on taxes, wills, estate planning and exempt organizations which are widely read by lay persons and by professional tax advisors.

## **Accolades**

- Received the Fulton County Arts Council Salute to the Arts Award in 1989
- Received the 2005 Greater Good Award from the Georgia Planned Giving Council
- Featured as one of the leading Georgia lawyers for exempt organizations and wealth planning in *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Featured as one of the leading Georgia lawyers for exempt organizations and estate planning and tax in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Profiled in *The Best Lawyers in America* for many years
- Listed in *Super Lawyers* magazine in the areas of Litigations – Trusts and Estates, Non-Profit/Charities Law and Trusts and Estates
- Named the *Best Lawyers' 2015 Atlanta Non-Profit / Charities Law "Lawyer of the Year"*. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year."

## **Education**

- Harvard University (J.D., 1973)
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (A.B., 1969)

## **Admitted to Practice**

- Georgia

## **Related Services**

Tax | Exempt Organizations | Wealth Planning | Family Office