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Related Services

Tax ■ Wealth Planning ■ Federal & International Tax

Bob has advised some of Georgia's wealthiest families and business leaders on wealth planning. With more than 50 years of experience, he has aided clients in the implementation of plans that often produce large tax savings without sacrificing important business or personal objectives.

Bob Edge is recognized by many as the dean of estate planning attorneys in Georgia. He led the firm's Wealth Planning for over 25 years. He has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since its inception, is named among Georgia Trend's Legal Elite, is listed in *Super Lawyers* magazine, is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Lawyers and has been chairman of the State Bar's Fiduciary Section, as well as president of both the Atlanta Estate Planning Council and the Georgia Federal Tax Conference. In the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, he is named the "Atlanta Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year." *Chambers* has recognized Bob as a senior statesperson. He has served as chairman of the Partners' Committee at Alston & Bird.

Bob attended the University of Georgia, where he was valedictorian, Oxford University, as a Rhodes Scholar, and Yale Law School. His professional life has been complemented by service as president of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars, a director of The Carter Center, a managing director of The Metropolitan Opera Association (NY), chairman of the University of Georgia Foundation and president of the Atlanta Music Festival Association. In 2018, Bob received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Clayton State University for his work surrounding the development and maintenance of Spivey Hall.

Representative Experience

- Estate planning counsel to a large number of Atlanta's top business leaders and CEOs, including many whose business representation is handled elsewhere.
- Assisting the trust departments of Atlanta's leading banks, as well as individual executors, in the administration of some of the city's most complicated and largest estate administrations.
- Advised a number of Georgia's wealthiest families in estate planning matters and is well known for identifying dispositional plans that are likely to affect family relationships negatively.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Chairman of The Charles Loidans Foundation
- Past Chairman of The Spivey Foundation and has been intensely involved in the arts life of Atlanta for over 30 years

Education

- Yale University (LL.B., 1965)

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- Oxford University (M.A., 1962)
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- University of Georgia (A.B., 1960)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia