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Randy Nelson is a Shareholder focusing his practice on estate planning, advising family businesses, tax planning, trust administration and probate. He is a Certified Public Accountant and was an Adjunct Professor at Marquette University Law School where he taught estate planning for over 30 years. He is a frequent speaker at continuing education courses for lawyers and CPAs on the subjects of estate planning and tax planning. He is the author of the chapter "Estate Planning for Owners of Closely Held Businesses" in *Eckhardt's Workbook for Wisconsin Estate Planners* published by the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Randy is currently the chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin (SBW) Drafting Committee which is working on the Wisconsin Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act, a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin/Wisconsin Bankers Association (SBW/WBA) Drafting Committee working on the trailer bill to modify the Wisconsin Trust Code, and a member of the SBW Drafting Committee which is working on the Wisconsin Uniform Power of Appointment Act. He chaired the SBW/WBA Drafting Committee responsible for the Wisconsin Uniform Principal and Income Act which was passed in 2005 and was a member of the SBW/WBA Drafting Committee responsible for the Wisconsin Trust Code which was passed in 2013.

Resource: Ten Essential Legal Documents (PDF)

Areas of Practice

- Estate Planning
- Estate and Trust Administration
- Trusts and Estates
- Fiduciary Litigation and Inheritance Disputes
- Business Succession Planning
- Business and Corporate Law
- Sports Law
- Tax
- Nonprofit and Tax Exemption
- Dispute Resolution

Education

- Marquette University, J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, B.B.A., *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- U.S. Tax Court

Professional and Civic Associations

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow; Member, Business Planning Committee
- Milwaukee Estate Planning Forum
- Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Law Foundation
- Milwaukee Bar Association

Honors and Accomplishments

- Accredited Estate Planner[®], National Association of Estate Planners & Councils
- Best Lawyers[®] Trusts and Estates "Lawyer of the Year", Milwaukee (2013)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], Trusts and Estates Law (1995-2022)
- Wisconsin Super Lawyers[®] (2005-2021)
- AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*[®]
- Past Chairperson and Director of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Wisconsin
- Herbert J. Mueller Society of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Community Involvement

- Jewish Family Services, Inc., Board of Directors, Executive Committee