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E. Joseph LaFave is a partner in the firm's Private Wealth Planning Section. He provides personalized service to individuals, families and family businesses in managing the wealth transfer process. Joe handles traditional estate planning, business transaction planning, estate and trust administration and fiduciary disputes. He works regularly with family entities, including operating companies. Joe works on fiduciary investment issues and has extensive experience with family investments and business entities, often multi-generational. He recognizes the importance of family culture and is attentive to the needs of each family member and generational group.

Joe's practice is multi-disciplinary and he works closely with colleagues from the Best & Flanagan Business Law Section to assist family members in reorganizing their corporate structures to streamline business operations and to maximize the opportunities for efficient wealth transfer. Joe particularly values the long-term relationships he is privileged to have with clients at Best & Flanagan.

## Areas of Practice

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Private Wealth Planning

Estate & Trust Administration

Family & Closely-Held Business Planning

## Education

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J.D., University of Minnesota, 1979

, Creighton University, 1976, *cum laude*,

Philosophy

## Admissions

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State of Minnesota

## Firm News/Articles

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- › Best & Flanagan Ranked in 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms® by Best Lawyers®
- › Sixteen Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Edition
- › Seven Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers
- › Best & Flanagan Ranked in 2023 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- › 2023 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Includes Eleven Best & Flanagan Attorneys
- › Best & Flanagan Ranked in 2022 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®

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- > Eleven Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in 2022 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®
- > Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2021 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Ten Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Edition
- > Twenty Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Estate Planning during the Coronavirus Pandemic
- > Best Lawyers in America 2019 List Includes Seven Best & Flanagan Attorneys
- > Ten Best & Flanagan Attorneys Named 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyers
- > Sarah Crippen Elected Managing Partner

## Professional Associations

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- > American Bar Association
- > Minnesota State Bar Association (Probate and Trust Law Section)
- > American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- > "Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law & Politics and acknowledged by the Best Lawyers in America.

## Awards & Recognition

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- > Honoree, Minnesota Super Lawyers, 2001-2021
- > *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2003-present, in the specialty of Trusts and Estates
- > Martindale Hubbell AV Lawyer



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