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#### Education

New York University School of Law (L.L.M. in Taxation, 1990)

Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1987)

Muhlenberg College (B.A. in Political Science and Accounting, with honors, 1984)

#### Bar Admissions

Maryland

District of Columbia

New Jersey

New York

U.S. Tax Court

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Frank Baldino is an estate planning attorney who co-chairs Lerch, Early & Brewer's Estate Planning & Probate group in Bethesda, Maryland. His focus is on protecting the assets of high net worth individuals to minimize federal and state tax liability.

Individuals seek Frank's counsel to develop estate planning and tax strategies that will allow them to protect their assets for their families and future generations. He often works closely with clients' accountants and financial planners to provide comprehensive planning advice. He listens carefully in order to understand the big picture, and strives to make his clients comfortable, even when discussing difficult topics.

One of Frank's greatest strengths is his ability to explain complex concepts in an easy-to-understand way. His calm and friendly demeanor encourages clients to think about the sometimes challenging and emotional aspects of planning an estate – from making sure a spouse is provided for to deciding what happens to children in the event of a parent's death. With precision and detail, he then prepares wills, trusts and probate documents that reflect each client's desires.

In addition, Frank is experienced in the areas of charitable giving, estate planning for non-U.S. citizens, tax planning with respect to retirement plans and stock options, business succession planning, and estate and trust administration. He is admitted to practice in Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Jersey and New York, and is a member of the U.S. Tax Court.

A Hackensack, N.J., native, Frank received his Bachelor of Arts, with honors, from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. He received his Juris Doctor from the Seton Hall University School of Law and his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from the New York University School of Law.

Frank has been named by Washingtonian and Bethesda magazines as a "Top Lawyer" for estates and trusts, and is listed in the Best Lawyers in America directory. An active member of the Washington, D.C., Estate Planning Council and the Estates and Trusts Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, he co-authors articles on current trends in estate and tax law for the monthly publication, Estate Planning Journal.

He enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, a budding ballerina.

#### Honors and Awards

- Washingtonian magazine Top Lawyer for Estates & Trusts (2011, 2009, 2007)
- Bethesda magazine Top Estate Lawyer (2011)
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Trusts & Estates (2012 edition)

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### Professional Memberships

- Maryland State Bar Association (Section Council Member: Estates and Trusts Section, Elder Law Section, Taxation Section; chairman: Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Estates and Trusts Section)
- District of Columbia Bar Association (Member: Tax Section, Estates, Trusts and Probate Law Section and Estate Planning Committee)
- Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Washington, D.C. Estate Planning Council