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Laurence “Larry” I. Blair is a partner at Greenspoon Marder. Mr. Blair is one of a select group of lawyers certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in Wills, Trusts & Estates Law, which is the highest such rating of an attorney’s special knowledge, skills, and proficiency in a specific area of law and for professionalism and ethics in practice in the state of Florida.

Mr. Blair concentrates his practice in the areas of estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning with an emphasis on representing families and entrepreneurs in multiple-generation wealth transfer and asset protection planning. He also represents clients with business succession planning needs, including shareholders’ agreements, buy-sell and cross purchase agreements, and business transactions, including purchases and sales of businesses. In particular, he addresses the needs of those clients of the firm whose business endeavors must be structured to assist in maximizing opportunities to transfer wealth to later generations. He is also engaged in assisting clients through the process of administering trusts and estates. Larry counsels clients on charitable giving, insurance planning, prenuptial and postnuptial planning, probate, trust and guardianship administration. In addition, he represents clients in beneficiary representation cases, will and trust contests and fiduciary litigation.

A well-known community leader, Mr. Blair is involved in the community and serves on the governing boards for a variety of local organizations. He helps structure gifts to charities that provide benefits to both donors and the organizations.

Mr. Blair’s experience serving as a member to various boards of directors, finance committees, treasurer of a not-for-profit corporation, service as personal representative and trustee and as a facilitator for family meetings have enabled him to serve as a family advisor to a variety of families.

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- New York

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law
- LL.M., University of Miami School of Law
- B.A., Tulane University, Murphy Institute of Political Economy

Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Tax
- Wills, Trusts & Estates

Professional and Community Involvement

- American Bar Association, Member
- Broward County Bar Association, Tax Section, Member
- Broward County Estate Planning Council, Member
- Estate Planning Council of Boca Raton, Member
- Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Inc., Executive Board, 2011-Present
 - Professional Advisory Committee, 2003-Present
 - Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation
 - Chair, 2017-2023
 - Board of Trustees, 2011-Present
- Hands on Tzedakah, Inc.
 - Board of Directors, 2016-Present
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- Ruth and Norman Rales Jewish Family Service of South Palm Beach County, Inc., Board of Trustees, 2003-Present
 - Chair of Board of Trustees, 2009-2013
 - Treasurer, 2005-2006
 - Executive Board, 2004-2022
- South Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member
 - Wills, Trusts & Estates Certification Committee, 2017-2023
- Urban Justice Center, National Young Leadership Cabinet, Member
- Woodfield Country Club, Board of Directors, 2022-Present
- Woodfield Feeds the Hungry, Chair, 2010-Present
 - A program of the Ruth and Norman Rales Jewish Family Service of South Palm Beach County, Inc.

Recognitions

- *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Lawyers in America," Trusts and Estates, 2011-2024
- *Super Lawyers* magazine, "Florida Super Lawyers," Estate & Probate, 2012-2024
- *Chambers HNW*, "Top Ranked Leader in their Field," Private Wealth Law - Florida, 2018-2024
- Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Inc., "National Endowment Achievement," 2023
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyer," 2020-2021
- *Palm Beach Illustrated*, "Top Lawyers," 2019
- *Florida Trend* magazine, "Legal Elite," 2012-2013, 2017-2019
- *The Boca Raton Observer*, "Boca Raton's Expert Lawyers," 2016
- *South Florida Business & Wealth* magazine, "Leaders In Law," Finalist, Trusts & Estates, 2014
- *Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service*, "Rales Humanitarian Award," 2013
- *Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County*, "James and Marjorie Baer Outstanding Young Leadership Award," 2011

In the News

- Featured, "People on the Move: Laurence "Larry" Blair Chair at Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation," *South Florida Business Journal*, May 23, 2017
- Featured, "Larry Blair Named New Chair Of Local Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation," *Boca News Now*, May 23, 2017
- Featured, "Leading the Way - Estate Professionals to Honor Attorney Laurence Blair at Mitzvah Society Reception," *The Boca Observer*, January 2017
- Author, "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, Averting the Fiscal Cliff," January 2013
- Author, "Planning for the Buy-Sell Agreement," March 2013

News

- Greenspoon Marder Partner Laurence Blair Ranked in Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2024
- Ten Greenspoon Marder Partners Named Florida Super Lawyers 2024
- 49 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024 Edition
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Laurence "Larry" I. Blair Ranked in Chambers and Partners High Net Worth Private Wealth Law for 2023
- 14 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized As 2023 Florida "Super Lawyers"
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Laurence "Larry" I. Blair Recipient of the Jewish Federations of North America's National Endowment Achievement Award
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Laurence Blair Ranked In Chambers And Partners High Net Worth For Private Wealth Law For 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized By The South Florida Legal Guide As "Top Lawyers" And "Top Up & Comers" For 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Larry Blair Re-Appointed To The Florida Bar's Wills, Trusts & Estates Committee
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized In Florida Trend's 2019 "Legal Elite"
- Greenspoon Marder Supports I Am Hillel 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2018 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2017 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- 7 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized in Florida Trend's 2017 Legal Elite
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Laurence "Larry" I. Blair Named New Chair Of Local Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Laurence "Larry" Blair Appointed to The Florida Bar's Wills, Trusts & Estates Certification Committee
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 38 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder
- Greenspoon Marder's Larry Blair, and wife, received the Rales Humanitarian of the Year Award
- Larry and Michele Blair to be honored at the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service's 2013 Annual Gala

Videos

- #What'sYourPassion - Laurence Blair



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