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Thomas A. Tietz Biography

Thomas A. Tietz, JD, is an Partner with Shenkman Tietz, LLP in private practice in New Jersey and New York.

Practice: Estate planning. He is experienced in assisting with the implementation of numerous facets of an estate plan. This includes the preparation of core documents such as wills, health care documents (living wills, health care proxies), financial power of attorneys, etc., as well as advanced planning such as the preparation of spousal lifetime access trusts, Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts, self-settled Trusts, and transactions regarding asset transfers to those trusts, depending on the client's needs. In addition to estate planning, he assists clients with the administration of their trusts, estate administration, and addressing corporate documentation in relation to estate planning, such as addressing entity governing documents considerations regarding defined value adjustment clauses that apply due to transactions involving trusts and other complex entity ownership.

Publications: He is the author of more than 30 articles and has published articles with institutions including the American Bar Association E-Report, the National Association of Estate Planning Council's Journal of Estate and Tax Planning, Steve Leimberg's Estate Planning Newsletter, Wealthmanagement.com, and Trusts & Estate Magazine.

Media: He has lectured at the Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute, the NAEPC Advanced Estate Planning Strategies Conference & Council Leadership Conference, for the New Jersey State Bar Association, the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, CPA Academy, the Estate Planning Council of Bergen County, the New York City chapter of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors, the National Academy of Continuing Legal Education, and numerous other institutions.

Community: He is a member of the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law and Business Law sections, the New York State Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association, and is a board member of the Estate Planning Council of Bergen County.

Education: ■ Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, minor concentration in economics. ■ Law degree from Rutgers Law School, admitted to the Order of the Coif academic honors society. ■ Admitted to the bar in New York and New Jersey.

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