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When a client comes to me, the first thing I want to do is fully understand the situation so we can determine the best option available. Our tailored solutions will bring order out of any situation, even if it seems like chaos.

Greg Willett, estate planning attorney for nearly three decades, has helped hundreds of clients develop an integrated estate plan that achieves their goals while reducing unnecessary transfer taxes. He is committed to working closely with each client, the client’s existing advisor team, and, to the extent desired, the client’s family. He drafts plans ranging from a simple will and power of attorney to the highly complex dealing with sophisticated tax planning and various types of trusts. Greg is also actively involved in administering estate plans through both court-supervised probate administration and the non-probate trust administration process. By concentrating on both estate planning and estate administration, he has been able to provide multigenerational wealth planning and wealth preservation for many families across the nation.

Experience

Preparation of various types of estate plans, which may include the following documents:

- Simple wills
- Wills with trusts for children
- Wills designed to utilize Federal Estate Tax Exemption
- Revocable trusts – including tenancy by the entirety trusts and Community property trust
- Irrevocable trusts – including intentionally defective grantor trusts, insurance trusts, dynasty and multigenerational trusts and special-needs trusts
- Charitable lead and remainder trusts
- Powers of attorney and advanced care plans
- Family constitutions and business succession plans
- Probate of decedent's estates, including small estates and solvent and insolvent estates

Services
- Asset Protection Planning
- Charitable and Foundation Planning
- Conservatorships and Guardianships
- Estate Planning
- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Family Business Planning and Succession
- Pre and Postnuptial Agreements
- Probate – Estate and Trust Administration
- Tax

Industries
- Individuals, Families, Estates, and Trusts

Admissions
- Georgia
- Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee

Education
- J.D., Washington and Lee University School of Law, 1992
- B.B.A., Southern Adventist University, cum laude, 1989

Administration of a decedent's revocable or irrevocable trust

Representing executor, trustee, beneficiaries and/or creditors of a decedent's estate and/or trust

Preparation of Federal estate tax returns and income tax returns for estates and trusts

Modifying existing trust agreements either through nonjudicial settlement agreements, decantations, or court-approved modifications

Associations

Professional

- Chattanooga Estate Planning Council
- Chattanooga Tax Practitioners

Bar Associations

- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- State Bar of Georgia
- American Bar Association

Noteworthy

- *Best Lawyers in America*, "Chattanooga Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year," 2023
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Estate and Probate, 2020-2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Trusts and Estates
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- Leadership Chattanooga, 2008 Class
- American Jurisprudence Award in Planning and Drafting Wills and Trusts
- Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award

Community

- Chambliss Center for Children, Board of Directors
- Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, past Board Member; past Chair of the Community Impact Committee
- Southern Adventist University, past Member Board of Trustees
- Southern Adventist University, School of Business and Management, former Adjunct Faculty
- Chattanooga State Community College, Paralegal Advisory Committee, past Member

Sidebar

Outside of the office, Greg enjoys activities that involve two or four wheels, including cycling and riding ATVs. As a shade-tree mechanic, Greg also enjoys "wrenching" on his '93 Bronco and '94 Jeep YJ.