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Dean V. Butler joined the firm in 2002. Mr. Butler concentrates his practice in the areas of federal and state taxation, trusts, estates, probate and estate planning.

Education

LL.M., Taxation, New York
University School of Law, 1980

J.D., summa cum laude, Santa
Clara Law, 1979

B.A., Accounting, summa cum
laude, Seattle University, 1976

Bar and Court Admissions

State of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth
Circuit

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court, Western
District of Washington

Professional Associations

American College of Trust and
Estate Counsel, Fellow

Washington State Bar
Association

Estate & Gift Tax Committee,
Taxation Law Section,
Washington State Bar
Association, member and
former chair

Real Property, Probate & Trust
Section, Washington State Bar
Association, Former Executive
Committee member, former
editor of section's newsletter

Mr. Butler counsels individuals, families, and businesses on income tax; estate and gift tax; state tax; transfer, wealth, and succession planning; and business structures. In addition to Mr. Butler being an estate planning attorney, he also handles probate and trust matters, and works with charitable trusts and tax exempt organizations.

Honors and Recognitions

Mr. Butler holds an LL.M. in taxation and a certified public accounting certificate. He has been named by *Washington Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in Washington State for each of the years 2003-2018. He has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for each of the years 2001-2018, for the specialty of Trusts and Estates.

Mr. Butler has been listed in *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine* and *Seattle Business Magazine* as one of King County's "Top Lawyers" 2010 – 2018. They cull their listings from *Martindale-Hubbell*, *Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America*.

In addition, Mr. Butler has the following honors and recognitions:

- Certified Public Accounting Certificate (Washington)
- Member, Beta Alpha Psi (National Accounting Fraternity)
- Chagrin Law Award (highest law school GPA), Santa Clara Law, 1979
- Emery Law Scholarship, Santa Clara Law, 1977-1979
- Chapter Beta Gamma Sigma (National Business Honor Fraternity), Seattle University, President, 1975-1976
- Leadership and Scholarship Award, Albers School of Business, Seattle University, 1975-1976
- President's List (second highest GPA in business school), Seattle University