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John Paul Bratcher focuses his legal practice in the areas of estate and trust planning and administration, business law, and fiduciary litigation. He has extensive experience in all areas of estate and gift tax planning from client development and intake through drafting, implementation and administration. John Paul also has assisted clients with business law and business succession planning including representation of clients in sales and various other matters involving their businesses. He also provides expertise in the areas of estate, trust and fiduciary litigation as well as and judicial modification and settlement of trusts.

Additionally, John Paul often speaks and writes on various topics relating to estate planning, probate, estates and trust administration.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Author, "Portability – What It Is and Why You Should be Aware of It," *Naples Daily News, 2017 Estate Planning Supplement*, March 2017.
- Speaker, "Trusts from A to Z," *National Business Institute*, August 2017.
- Author, "IRAs, Beneficiary Designations and Five Common Mistakes," *Naples Daily News – 2016 Estate Planning Supplement*, March 2016.
- Speaker, "Trusts from A to Z," *National Business Institute*, July 2016.

Professional History

- Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2021-present; Associate 2015-2021.
- Associate, Garlick Hilfiker and Swift LLP, 2013-15.
- Summer Associate, Treiser Collins Attorneys at Law, 2010.
- Wealth Management Intern, M&I Wealth Management Co. (BMO Bank), 2007.

Admissions

- State of Florida, 2012.
- U.S. Tax Court–Practitioner 2014.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Taxation with a Certificate in Estate Planning, 2013.
 - Honors & Activities: Highest Grade – Estate & Gift Taxation.
- Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, J.D. with a Certificate in Tax Law, 2012.
 - Honors & Activities: Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition Best Brief Award; ONU Law Scholarship; Moot Court Tax Team, Member, 2011-12; Christian Legal Society, President; Evidence Teacher's Assistant to Professor Christoff.
- Indiana Wesleyan University, B.S., *cum laude*, Finance and Business Administration, 2008.
 - Honors & Activities: Dean's List, 2004-08; Scholar Athlete All American NAIA & NCAA, 2006-08; NCAA National Scholar Athlete Player of the Week, 2008; Varsity Soccer, 2004-08; Varsity Track & Field – NCAA Men's National Team Champions, 2008.



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Memberships & Affiliations

- Young Lawyers Section Board, Secretary, 2017-18; Member, 2015-present.
- Florida Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Class IV Member.

Awards and Distinctions

- Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, Trusts and Estates, 2021-22.
- Rising Star, *Florida Super Lawyers*®, 2017-21.
- Top Lawyer, *Naples Illustrated*, Tax Law, 2021; Trusts and Estates 2021.

Community Involvement

- Community Foundation of Collier County, Professional Advisor Council, 2020-present.
- The Shelter for Abused Women and Children, Next Generation Board, 2016-18.
- Georgetown Alumni Club, Vice President; Member, 2016-present.
- Georgetown Club of Naples, Board of Directors, 2016.