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Practice Areas

Estate Planning &
Administration

Tax & Estates

Tax & Fiduciary Litigation

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1972

Education

Tulane University Law
School, J.D., 1972; Order of
the Coif; *Tulane Law Review*
Tulane University, B.A., 1971



An attorney with Jones Walker for more than 30 years, David Edwards is a member of the Tax & Estates Practice Group. He advises individual clients on wealth transfer at minimum tax cost, in addition to traditional estate planning areas of wills, trusts, and powers of attorney. He also advises clients on marriage contracts and other aspects of property obligations stemming from marriage. Furthermore, Mr. Edwards' practice includes the administration of decedents' estates and settlement of trusts, as well as charitable planning. He is a Board-Certified Estate Planning and Administration Specialist as certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization.

Mr. Edwards has been an active participant in bar activities and associations, including the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, in which he has been an active Fellow for more than 25 years. He has served as State Chair Regent, and a member of the Executive Committee. He is also a member of the American Bar Association's Sections on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law and Taxation, as well as a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Sections on Trust, Estate, Probate and Immovable Law.

In the community, Mr. Edwards is a member of the Board of Advisory Editors of the *Tulane Law Review*, a member of the Planning Committee of the Tulane Tax Institute, Chair of the Tulane University President's Council, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Tulane Medical School, a member of the Tulane Board of Administrators, and a member of the Graduate Education Advancement Board of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Trustee of the Collins C. Diboll Private Foundation, a Director of A Studio in the Woods, and President and Trustee of the New Orleans Botanical Garden Foundation. He is also a Trustee of the New Orleans Museum of Art, Secretary and Chair of its Legal Committee, and formerly served as its Vice President and a member of its Executive Committee.

Noteworthy

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (Fellow, 1986 to date; State Chair, 1999–2004; Regent, 2005–2011)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Litigation - Trusts & Estates and Trusts and Estates (listed annually since 1991)
- Named "New Orleans *Best Lawyers* Trusts and Estates Law Lawyer of the Year" 2011
- Listed in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Estate Planning & Probate (listed annually since 2007)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Member, Sections of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law and Taxation)
- Collins C. Diboll Private Foundation (Trustee, 2001 to date)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, Sections of Trust, Estate, Probate and Immovable Law)
- Louisiana State Law Institute (Member, Successions and Donations Committee, 2000 to date)
- New Orleans Bar Association
- New Orleans Botanical Garden Foundation (President, 2008 to date; Trustee, 2006 to date; Chair, Long Range Planning and Development Committees, 2007 to 2008)
- New Orleans Estate Planning Council
- New Orleans Museum of Art (Trustee, 2002–2007; Member, Executive Committee, 2002–2008; 2009–2010; Chair, Planned Giving Committee, 2002–2010; Secretary and Chair, Legal Committee, 2003–2004, 2007–2008, 2009 to date; Vice President, 2005–2006)
- A Studio in the Woods (Director, 2008 to date)
- *Tulane Law Review* (Member, Board of Advisory Editors, 1992 to date; Board of Student Editors, 1970–1972; Articles Editor, 1971–1972)
- Tulane Tax Institute (Member, Planning Committee, Tulane Tax, 1995 to date)

- Tulane University Health Sciences Center, Medical School (Chair, 2009 to date; Member, Board of Governors, 2002 to date; Secretary, 2004–2006; Vice Chair, 2007–2009; Member, Development and Legislative Affairs Committees, 2002–2009; Chair, Development Committee, 2004–2007)
 - Tulane University President's Council (Member, 2006 to date; Chair, 2010 to date)
 - Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (Advisory Board Member, 2009 to date)
 - Tulane University Board of Administrators (2011 to date)
 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Member, Graduate Education Advancement Board, 2005 to date)
 - U.S. District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry, Eastern District of Louisiana (Law Clerk, 1972–1973)
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