
Charles M. Lax Named 2016 Detroit Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law "Lawyer Of The Year" By Best Lawyers In America®

Charles M. Lax has the distinction this year of being selected among the 2016 "Detroit Lawyers of the Year" by *Best Lawyers in America*®.

Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, recognized Lax as the 2016 Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law "Lawyer of the Year" for Detroit. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each community is honored as a "Lawyer of the Year."

Selected by his peers for inclusion in the annual edition of *Best Lawyers in America*® continuously since 2006 in the area of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Lax was also recognized in 2011 as the "Detroit Lawyer of the Year" in employee benefits law.

A shareholder of the firm, Lax practices primarily in the areas of employee benefits, taxation, corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions. Nationally, he has extensive experience representing clients in tax controversy matters before the Internal Revenue Service and Tax Court of the United States.

Authoring numerous articles appearing in legal and public accounting journals, Lax has lectured extensively on qualified retirement plans and other tax topics before the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries and other professional groups.

He presently serves as an Emeritus member of the IRS Great Lakes TE/GE Council, and previously served as the Chairman of the State Bar of Michigan – Section of Taxation, the Chairman of the State Bar Employee Benefits Committee, the Advisory Committee for TE/GE, the IRS Regional Council Bar Advisory Group – Central Region, the ASPPA Vice Chairman for Regional Conferences, the Co-Chairman of the Great Lakes Benefits Conference for 2007 and 2008 and as Co-Chairman at the ASPPA Annual Conference for 2010 and 2011.

Lax is a Fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel and has also been recognized by Chambers USA and selected for inclusion in the Michigan edition of Super Lawyers® consecutively from 2006-2014 (one of the top 100 lawyers in the State of Michigan for 2008).

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