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Robert Kaufman is a principal at Fischel Kahn, focusing on estate planning and the related administration, taxation, and litigation of estates and trusts.

He draws upon his extensive knowledge of state and federal tax codes while guiding clients through all manner of estate planning and probate, trust administration and litigation. For over four decades he has approached his practice with a dedication to client service and privacy.

In his more general practice, he represents individuals and privately held business entities in various transactional, corporate and real estate matters.

Bob is a former Chair of the Illinois State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Section Council and now serves as a member of the Section Council. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of both the Charles and M.R. Shapiro Foundation and the Trillium Foundation and was previously the Chair of the Chicago Bar Association Probate Practice Committee.

## Professional Honors

Bob is a Leading Lawyer as well as AV Preeminent Rated, the highest level of professional excellence in ethical standards and legal ability. He has been selected as a Top Rated Lawyers in Trusts & Estates by Martindale-Hubbell and is regularly recognized by Leading Lawyers for his work in Trusts, Will & Estate Planning Law, Elder Law, Taxation Law, and Closely & Privately Held Business Law. Bob has also been named an Illinois Super Lawyer and Best Lawyer in America for Trusts and Estates.

## Member

- Chicago Bar Association, Probate Practice Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section Council
- American Bar Association, Federal Tax Section
- Chicago Estate Planning Council
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Decalogue Society of Lawyers

## Author

- "The Illinois Estate Tax: What Will the Future Bring?"  
ISBA Trust & Estates Newsletter, Vol. 70, No. 8, February 2021 [View here](#)
- "Estate Planning for Disabled Adults"  
ISBA Elder Law Newsletter, Vol. 25 No. 7, January 2021 [View here](#)
- "The Illinois Estate Tax: The surprises continue"  
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- "Transfers into trust: A new reality?"  
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- "How Do You Trust?"  
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- "Advance Directives in a Mobile Society"  
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- "Whither the Remainderman"  
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- "The Illinois estate tax: A few surprises, perhaps?"  
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- "Estate Planning by Guardians: The Next Generation"  
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## Admissions

- The State of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States Tax Court
- Certified Public Accountant, Illinois

## Education

- New York University, LL.M. Taxation, 1977
- University of Maryland, J.D. with honors, 1976
- University of Michigan, B.B.A. with distinction, 1973