

Practice Areas

- Estate Planning & Administration
- Tax
- Tax Planning

Education

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2005
- University of Texas at Austin, B.A., cum laude, 2001

Honors

- Rising Star, Estate Planning & Administration, 2012
- Marvin Key Collie Endowed Presidential Scholar in Tax Law, 2004-2005
- Research Assistant to the distinguished Professor Stanley M. Johanson, 2004-2005

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- Board Certified Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

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Brett T. Berly has assisted in representing numerous estates with combined assets in excess of several billion dollars, resulting in tax savings for clients of hundreds of millions of dollars. As a cancer survivor, Mr. Berly brings a unique perspective to his estate planning practice, drawing on his personal experience to help structure estate plans for clients that satisfy both their personal and financial goals and objectives.

Recently Quoted

- Quoted in August 13, 2007 Issue of *Texas Lawyer*, "Economics 101: How Associate Pay Raises Affect MidTex Firms, GCs, Recruiters and Law Schools"

Seminars & Presentations

- "What's It Worth?" An overview of valuation issues, applicable statutes of limitation and accuracy-related penalties impacting estate and gift tax returns, presented at firm-sponsored "29th Annual Tax and Business Planning Seminar," 2006
- "Procrastination—How to Guarantee Adverse Tax Consequences for Retirement Assets at Death," A presentation on the various issues related to retirement accounts and their income, estate and gift tax implications, presented at the West Loop Houston Area Tax Forum, Northwest Houston Area Tax Forum and the West Houston Area Tax Forum, 2007

News

- Houston-based Chamberlain Hrdlicka Attorneys Recognized as 2012 Texas Rising Stars

Professional Affiliations

- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust
- State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate and Trusts Section
- Houston Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Texas

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- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Houston, Committee on Recruiting
- Adopt an Angel Program, Committee Member

