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### Education

- Villanova University School of Law (LL.M., Taxation, 2002)
- Washington and Lee University School of Law (J.D., 1996)
- Davidson College (B.A., 1993, History)

### Bar Admissions

- Delaware, 1996
- Pennsylvania, 1997
- United States District Court for the District of Delaware, 1997

Gregory J. Weinig is a partner practicing in the areas of trusts and estates, including trust and estate planning, trust and estate administration, trust and estate litigation, and taxation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Greg works with an array of clients with diverse needs in trust and estate planning and administration, bringing his significant experience in trust and estate litigation matters to bear on his planning and administration activities. His trust and estate drafting and administration activities include work for clients across a wide spectrum of needs and complexity, residing both locally and across the country, the latter particularly including dynasty trusts, asset protection trusts, directed trusts, and other trust planning typically associated with a Delaware practice.

Greg has litigated in a number of high-stakes and smaller-scale trust and estate cases, ranging from trust and will construction actions to multi-layered trust and will contests to asset protection trust matters to fiduciary litigation. Greg also has an extensive practice in many other areas involving trusts and estates, such as working with institutional fiduciaries in trust review and intake and resolution of administrative matters; representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in contentious trust and estate situations that have stopped short of filed litigation; drafting and presenting consent petitions and other routine proceedings in the Delaware Court of Chancery; testifying as an expert witness in Court of Chancery estate matters; and serving as a Court-appointed guardian ad litem in both contested and uncontested matters before the Court of Chancery.

Greg has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for trusts & estates counseling and litigation as well as tax law. *Chambers USA: High Net Worth* has ranked Greg among Delaware's Private Wealth practitioners. A Chambers market source commented that Greg is "fabulous at looking at tough situations and coming up with solutions to fix the issue." In addition, Greg was identified in Delaware Today *Top Lawyers* for trusts & estates law. Also, Greg is AV® rated in Martindale-Hubbell's Preeminent™ Peer Review certification.

Greg is a past chair of the Estates and Trusts Section of the Delaware State Bar Association, and currently serves on its Trust Act drafting committee, which drafts the annual updates to Delaware's trust and estate statutes. His pro bono activities include work with the "Mega Wills" event run by several Delaware pro bono organizations, and with other indigent clients having estate planning needs.

Greg's focus on wills and estates stems from his lifelong interest in genealogy. Tracing his ancestors has led him to travel and research extensively in the United States and Europe. He is also a member of several family associations and historical organizations, and has begun publishing articles in genealogical journals. A Delaware native, Greg resides in the Wilmington, Delaware area with his wife and two children.

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## Representative Experience

- *In the Matter of the Anthony C. Perkins Descendants' Trust Under the Will of Jane Howard Perkins, Deceased, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 7103-VCL*

- *Otto v. Gore*, 45 A.3d 120 (Del. 2012)
- *Fike v. Ruger*, 752 A.2d 112 (Del. 2000)
- *Dickinson v. Wilmington Trust Co.*, 734 A.2d 642 (Del. 1999)
- *Crossan v. Anthony*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 3195-CC
- *Humes v. Charles H. West Farms, Inc.*, 950 A.2d 661 (Del. Super. Ct. 2007)
- *Fischer v. Fischer*, 864 A.2d 98 (Del. Ch. 2005)
- *Fike v. Ruger*, 754 A.2d 254 (Del. Ch. 1999)
- *In the Matter of the Mildred Meredith Zuendel Trust*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 6988-ML
- *In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Lucy B. Pietlock, Deceased*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 582
- *In the Matter of the Estate of Mabel A. Heigle, Deceased*, 2007 WL 1532287 (Del. Ch., May 8, 2007)
- *In the Matter of the Estate of John P. Lubach, Deceased*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 2309-VCS
- *In the Matter of Assunta Rich*, 2004 WL 1366978 (Del. Ch., June 15, 2004)
- *In re Will & Trust of Moor*, 2005 Del. Ch. LEXIS 88
- *In re the Estate of Leslie Sanford Chavin*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 18405-NC
- *In the Matter of Trust for Grandchildren of Wilbert L. and Genevieve W. Gore*, 2010 WL 3565489, 2010 Del. Ch. LEXIS 188 (Del. Ch., Sept. 1, 2010)
- *In the Matter of Trust for Grandchildren of Wilbert L. and Genevieve W. Gore*, 2011 WL 3444569, 2011 Del. Ch. LEXIS 112 (Del. Ch., July 29, 2011)
- *In the Matter of the Purported Last Will and Testament of Jane Davis Myers, Deceased*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 20485-NC
- *Union Hospital v. Moor*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 3055-VCS
- *Parrott v. Sasaki*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 7227-VCL
- *In the Matter of the Estate of Barry Bernstein*, 17 A.3d 1172 (Del. Ch. 2011)

## Publications

- “When Does a Signed Trust Document Not Create a Trust?” *Trusts & Estates*, November 2013 (pp. 40-50) (co-author with Charles J. Durante and Scott E. Swenson)
- “The Death of John<sup>5</sup> Freeman of Cape Cod, Rochester, and Hardwick, Massachusetts,” *Mayflower Descendant*, Autumn 2012 (Vol. 61, No. 2, pp. 119-120)
- “*Otto v. Gore*: Dueling Trust Instruments and a Unique Case of Grantor Intent,” *LISI Estate Planning Newsletter #1981* (June 26, 2012) at <http://www.leimbergservices.com>
- “The Identity of Susanna Freeman, Second Wife of Zaccheus Handy of Sandwich and Rochester, Mass.,” *Mayflower Descendant*, Spring 2012 (Vol. 61, No. 1, pp. 76-82)
- *Delaware Statutory Trusts Manual*, 2010 Edition (LexisNexis, 2010) (contributing author)
- “Trust Act 2007 and Other Delaware Trust Legislation,” *Delaware Banker*, Summer 2007 (Vol. 3, No. 3, p. 22)
- *Delaware Probate Litigation: What to do When Final Wishes are Contested* (Eau Claire, WI: National Business Institute, Inc., 2005) (co-author and co-presenter with Charles J. Durante)

## Speaking Engagements

- 2018 ACTEC, Fall Conference, Panelist, “[Change is Here to Stay: The Fate of Settlor Intent in a World of Flexibility](#)” (session preview podcast)
- 2013 Delaware Tax Institute, “Estate Planning for Couples After the 2012 Act and the DOMA Decision”

- 2013 Delaware Trust Conference, "Directed Trusts"
- 2011 Delaware Trust Conference, "Crossing the Bridge — Drafting vs. Administration"
- 2011 Delaware State Bar Association Seminar, "Fundamentals of Estate Administration"
- 2009 Delaware Trust Conference, "Creditor Protection: How to Use, Not Abuse"
- 2009 Delaware State Bar Association Seminar, "Delaware Taxation: Basics and Opportunities" (presentation on realty transfer tax)
- 2009 Delaware Tax Institute, "Developments in Case Law Affecting Trusts"
- 2008 Delaware Trust Conference, "Use of Delaware Counsel for Delaware Trust Planning and Documents"
- 2007 Delaware Trust Conference, "Delaware Trust Law: A Legislative Update"
- 2006 Delaware Trust Conference, "Delaware Trust Law: A Legislative Update"