

Michael Bezoian

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Service Areas:

- Trusts & Estates

Education:

- J.D., *cum laude,* University of Wisconsin Law School
  - Estate Planning Concentration, with Honors
- B.A., *summa cum laude,* University of California, Los Angeles

Admissions:

- Wisconsin
- South Dakota
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

Michael is an attorney at DeWitt's Madison office. Michael specializes in matters relating to trusts and estates. He advises clients in both non-adversarial settings such as in the preparation and design of an estate plan and in adversarial settings such as trust and/or estate litigation.

Within the context of Michael's estate planning practice, Michael designs and drafts comprehensive estate plans for clients with vastly diverse backgrounds, objectives, and net worths. Michael has extensive experience drafting wills, revocable trusts, irrevocable trusts, powers of attorney, and other advance directives. As part of the estate planning process, Michael enjoys reviewing the documents he has prepared with his clients and explaining their purpose and importance. Michael's clients often compliment his ability to explain complex legal concepts in simple, easy-to-understand terms. In addition, Michael's near-decade-long personal interest in the intersection between blockchain technology and estate planning and taxation makes him particularly well-suited to assist clients who hold digital assets.

Michael's practice also includes representing clients in both contested and uncontested trust and estate administrations. When Michael assists clients with trust and estate administrations, he works to ensure that the process is as seamless as possible to make the grieving process for a decedent's loved ones less burdensome. He works with both individual and corporate fiduciaries and also represents beneficiaries in estate or trust proceedings. Michael understands the often-contentious nature of trust- and estate-related litigation and works with clients to bring resolutions to their disputes. Within the context of both contested and uncontested matters, clients often commend Michael for his expertise in trusts and estates law, his ability to tell their story effectively and persuasively, and his diligence and responsiveness in communicating case updates.

While in law school, Michael was a Managing Editor for the Wisconsin Law Review.

Michael is fluent in reading, writing, and speaking Armenian.

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Affiliations

- Adjunct Professor, *Law 957 – "Intro to Estate Planning,"* Fall 2026, University of Wisconsin Law School
- State of Wisconsin Legislative Council Study Committee on Cryptocurrency – Member
- Wisconsin Blockchain Business Council – Founding Member
- Morgan's Caring Connection – Recommended Estate Planning Attorney
- Madison Estate Council – Member
- Dane County Bar Association – Member
- Wisconsin State Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section – Member
- Wisconsin State Bar Litigation Section – Member

Articles & Presentations

- "Blockchain Technology & Cryptocurrencies: Basics for Trusts and Estates Attorneys: Part 1" – Wisconsin Lawyer, Jul 2026
- "Retirement Accounts in Estate Planning," hosted by DeWitt LLP, Jun 2026
- "Build Your Practice: Handling a Basic Probate 2026," hosted by State Bar of Wisconsin PINNACLE, on the topics of "Claims Against the Estate" and "Estate Tax Returns," Jun 2026
- Michael has served as an Estate Planning Attorney Mentor in the Fall 2025 course for Finance 601: Strategic Planning for Estates and Business Transitions at the University of Wisconsin - Madison
- "Blockchain-Based Assets and your Estate Plan" – DeWitt Trusts & Estates News, Jan, 2025
- "Buy-Sell Agreements and Their Impact on Estate Taxes"– DeWitt Trusts & Estates News, Jul 2024
  - This article was also published by the Wisconsin Family Business Center, an affiliate of UW-Madison's School of Business (a/k/a the Wisconsin School of Business)
- "How Your Intellectual Property Factors into Your Estate Plan"– DeWitt Trusts & Estates News, May 2024
- "How Wisconsin's SB759 May Affect the Administration of Your Trust" – DeWitt Trusts & Estates News, Apr 2024
- Michael has presented on issues relating to trusts and estates attended by other attorneys and professionals for continued learning credits such as:
  - "Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLATs): Planning, Structure, and Tax Considerations," hosted by DeWitt LLP
  - "Blockchain Technology: What is It, Where Does the Law Stand, and How Does It Affect Your Practice?" hosted by DeWitt LLP
  - "Wisconsin Probate Process: In 7 Simple Steps," hosted by National Business Institute, on the topic of "Resolving Disputes and Navigating Probate Litigation"
  - "Advanced Estate Administration: A Wisconsin Guide," hosted by National Business Institute, on the topics of "Procedural Hurdles" and "Trusts in Estate Administration"
  - "Wisconsin Trusts Guide," hosted by National Business Institute, on the topics of "Introduction to Trusts: Main Terms, Concepts, Parties" and "Irrevocable Trusts: Essential Uses and Key Provisions"

- Co-authored Thomson Reuters Practical Law articles relied upon by other practitioners regarding the following areas of Wisconsin trusts and estates law:
  - Revocable Trusts
  - Irrevocable Trusts
  - Wills
  - Transfer on Death (TOD) Beneficiary Designations for Real Estate
  - Self-Proving Affidavits
  - Probate
  - Wisconsin Powers of Attorney for Health Care
  - Wisconsin Statutory Form Power of Attorney for Finances and Property
  - Ancillary Probate in Wisconsin

Awards & Recognitions

- Selected as an attendee for the Wisconsin State Bar Leadership Summit - 2026
- Selected as a Rising Young Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal - 2025

Client Recommendations

- “I cannot recommend Michael Bezoian at DeWitt LLP highly enough! He was exceptional in handling my stressful and emotional legal matter, showing consistent professionalism, compassion, and expertise. Michael guided me through every step, ensuring I felt supported and informed throughout the process. Additionally, Bryan Esch provided invaluable assistance and insight during the case, reinforcing the sense of trust and care I experienced with the team at DeWitt LLP. Thanks to their dedication and attention to detail, we achieved a resolution that exceeded my expectations. If you’re looking for knowledgeable, compassionate, and committed lawyers, Michael Bezoian and Bryan Esch at DeWitt LLP are the ones to trust. I’m so grateful for everything they have done and wholeheartedly recommend them and DeWitt LLP!” – Beth F.
- “The service provided by Attorney Michael Bezoian was exceptional as he assisted my family and me in navigating through the legal aspects of an estate during a difficult time. Despite the circumstances, he made me feel comfortable during the entire process through his professionalism, knowledge, [and] communication.” – Nic Z.
- “My husband and I recently worked with Michael Bezoian of the DeWitt Law Firm to set up our trust. Michael was knowledgeable, professional, and wonderfully personable. He listened to our wishes, gave us options, and guided us through the process with much expertise. Michael and his assistant JoJean were the epitome of helpful in all respects. We give them an enthusiastic thumbs up!” – Susan K.

Clients

Michael works with clients with a diverse variety of family situations, net worths, and objectives. Michael takes great pleasure in preparing comprehensive estate plans that are designed to avoid disputes, probate, and guardianship proceedings, and to mitigate estate and gift taxes. Michael also works with clients to resolve trust- and estate-related disputes.

Notable Representations

- Obtained favorable settlement for surviving spouse disinherited by late husband by challenging validity of pre-nuptial agreement
- Successfully persuaded two life insurance companies to pay $600,000 in death benefits to an ex-spouse by showing contrary intent under Wis. Stat. § 854.15(6) all without proceeding to litigation
- Successfully defended motion to dismiss a civil complaint alleging tortious interference with inheritance separately plead from causes of action under the Wisconsin Trust Code
- Consulted on various matters relating to the taxation of irrevocable trusts, including, in particular, estate tax inclusion, gift tax implications, and the income taxation of trusts (grantor, non-grantor, and beneficiary deemed owner trusts)