

Kimberly Leach Johnson

Partner and Firm Chair

Kimberly Leach Johnson is Firm Chair of Quarles & Brady and presides over the firm's executive committee. As an attorney, she has been practicing trusts & estates law for more than 30 years. She built her practice from the ground up by developing personal and professional relationships. Her stellar work and reputation have earned her an impressive client base and a robust network of referral sources.

From post-mortem tax-mitigation techniques and comprehensive estate planning, which includes understanding the client's wishes and explaining and reducing the tax impact, to carrying out the estate plan after a client's death, Johnson guides her clients and their families through the processes of defining final wishes and seeing them through with confidence, confidentiality, and competence.

Kimberly's clients include individuals and institutions alike. Her command of the tax code, coupled with her comprehensive knowledge of both the laws and the personal considerations that affect the transfer of wealth, make her a reliable source of advice and legal representation for high-net-worth persons and families, including those owning private companies.

It takes a long time and a lot of clients to achieve Kimberly's level of experience, but the real secret of her success is something much simpler and perhaps rarer: She genuinely cares, and it genuinely shows. She's not just preparing wills, tax returns, and trust documents, she's taking personal care of people who are trying to do what's best for their families and organizations.

Kimberly took the helm in 2013 as Quarles & Brady's Firm Chair, but unlike most large law firm chairpersons, she declined to give up her practice or her clients — she cares too much to let them go.

Legal Services

- [Estate, Trust & Wealth Preservation](#)
- [Banking & Financial Institutions](#)

Education and Honors

- University of Miami (LL.M., 1982)
- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., 1981)
- Anderson University (B.S., 1977)

Bar Admissions

- Florida



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Court Admissions


- U.S. Tax Court, 1983

Professional and Civic Activities

- *Best Lawyers*® Advisory Board
- Anderson University (Indiana) Board of Trustees
- Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation (Board of Directors)
- Collier County Bar Association (Member)
- American Bar Association (Member, Taxation Section)
- The Florida Bar (Chair, Tax Section Committee; 1995 Vice Chair, Grievance Committee for 20th Judicial Circuit)
- Quarles & Brady Diversity Committee (Representative)
- Boggy Creek Camp for Seriously Ill Children (Emeritus Member, Board of Directors)
- University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Law Center Association (Emeritus Trustee)
- Women's Power Summit™ Advisory Board (2017, 2019)
- Former:
 - Heart Ball (Chair)
 - Community School of Naples (Long Range Planning Committee)
 - Moorings Park (Trustee)
 - Naples Youth Soccer (Board of Directors)
 - University of Florida (Representative, Class of 1981)
 - Naples Art Association (Board of Directors)

Professional Recognition

- Named a 2017 Women of Initiative by the Women's Foundation of Collier County
- FCSW Florida Achievement Award from the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (2015)
- "Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyers" for 2011, 2012, and 2013
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated
- American Bar Foundation (Fellow) – membership by invitation limited to one-third of 1% of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction
- Awarded "Lawyer of the Year" by the Collier County Women's Bar Association for 2011
- Named to South Florida's Leading Lawyers for 2010, 2011, 2016, 2017, as published in the Miami Herald
- Named to Southwest Florida's Top Lawyers for 2012, as published in Gulfshore Life
- Selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers® (Estate Planning & Probate: 2007–present)

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- Named 2007–2011 FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth ManagerSM
 - Named to the 2014 MAKERS: Women Who Make Southwest Florida list by WGPU Public Media
 - Selected for inclusion in Florida Trend magazine's "Florida Legal Elite" lists for 2010–2015 – peer nominated and vetted list representing approximately 2% of the active Florida Bar members practicing in Florida
 - Listed in The Best Lawyers in America[®] (annually, 2008 through 2018, Trusts and Estates)