

Samuel M. Dotzler's legal experience, both in a large national firm and in a local boutique firm, has focused on the areas of trusts and estates, with a focus on estate, business and wealth transfer planning and estate administration, as well as business planning for entrepreneurs in both their new ventures and their ongoing concerns.

Prior to founding Dotzler Law, Mr. Dotzler was a member of the Trusts and Estates group of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP (Chicago, Illinois), a large, national law firm where he focused on estate, tax and business planning for clients of significant wealth. His practice focused on structuring tax-advantageous solutions for transferring wealth and closely-held business interests to younger generations. He also advised clients with regard to gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer tax planning, succession planning, leveraged wealth transfer techniques, charitable planning, trust and probate administration and the integration of estate plans and corporate structures.

Prior to joining Katten, Mr. Dotzler worked in a boutique trusts and estates firm (Hoogendoorn & Talbot LLP, Chicago, Illinois) where he advised high net worth individuals, families and business owners on their estate planning, business planning and estate administration needs. This boutique firm experience taught him how to be efficient and really focus in on the issues that required attention.

Mr. Dotzler has served as the legislative liaison and as a Co-Chair of the Estate Planning Committee of CBA YLS. He has spoken on a number of issues, including general estate planning, year-end wealth transfer strategies, and generation-skipping transfer tax planning.