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Lee focuses his practice on estate planning and trusts and estates administration, which often involves taxation and business planning and related transactions. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), which recognizes individual attorneys for distinguished contributions to the practice of estate planning, probate, and trust law. He recently completed a five-year term as the Virginia State chair for ACTEC and currently serves as the chair of the Professional Responsibility Committee.

Lee served for six years as an adjunct professor at the Washington and Lee School of Law where he taught Wealth Transfer Planning. He has presented numerous continuing legal education programs on various subjects, including ethics, estate and trust planning, and recent developments in trusts and estates law.

Lee holds a *Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review* rating and is recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*, including being named "Roanoke Lawyer of the Year" for Trusts and Estates in 2013. He is among the *Virginia Super Lawyers* and is one of *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite." Locally, the Roanoke Rescue Mission honored Lee with the "Volunteer of the Year for Legal Clinic" award.

Lee is an active volunteer and serves on the boards of the Rescue Mission Foundation, Charitable Advisors of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Roanoke Kiwanis Foundation, the Garth Newel Music Center Foundation, and Mill Mountain Theatre. He serves as a director of the Virginia Law Foundation and is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Virginia Law Foundation, and the Roanoke Bar Foundation. He is a member of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission (Chair 1995-99), the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (Chair 1995-99), and the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission.

## Speaking Engagements

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ACTEC/ALI CLE Webinar | Joint Representations in Complex Estate Plans: Avoiding the Ethical Traps

May 11, 2022

The Conner-Zaritsky 43rd Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar 2022 | Ethics Potpourri—The Essence of Professional Responsibility

April 29, 2022

72nd Annual Virginia Conference on Federal Taxation 2021 | Ethical Considerations in Representing Business Owners and Their Families Regarding Their Estate Plans and Related Matters

June 3, 2021

The Conner-Zaritsky 41st Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar | Ethical and Practical Considerations in Winding Down (or Winding Up) a Trust and Estates Practice

September 24, 2020

Virginia CLE / Virginia Law Foundation - 39th Annual Advanced Estate Planning & Administration Seminar | Ethical Issues in Forming and Representing Business Entities

April 28, 2018

## Recognition

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**WRVB Attorneys Make Major Showing in Best Lawyers in America**

August 16, 2022

**Eighteen Woods Rogers Attorneys Named to 2022 Virginia Super Lawyers or Rising Stars Lists**

May 5, 2022

**26 Woods Rogers Attorneys Named “Legal Elite” or “Rising Stars”**

December 1, 2021

## **Forty-four Woods Rogers Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers for 2022**

August 19, 2021

## **Sixteen Woods Rogers Attorneys Are 2021 Virginia Super Lawyers or Rising Stars**

May 6, 2021

## **Education**

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College of Williams & Mary School of Law, J.D.

and Master of Law in Taxation

Yale University, B.A.

## **Admissions**

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Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court,

Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court,

Western District of Virginia

## **Affiliations**

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American Bar Foundation

- Fellow (2020)

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

- Fellow (1994-present)
- Virginia State Chair (2013-18)

Boyd Graves Conference (1993-present)

Charitable Advisors of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation

- Member (1995-2005)

Ferrum College Estate Planning Council

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke (1983-present)

- Board Member and General Counsel
- President (1991-92)

Mill Mountain Theatre

- Board of Directors (2010-present)

Roanoke Bar Association

- President (2019)
- Director (2013-17)

Roanoke College Planned Giving Advisory Board

Roanoke Law Foundation

- Chair (2019-2020)
- Board member (2016-present)
- Fellow, Class of 2014

Roanoke Rescue Mission Foundation (1991-present)

- President (2010-14)

Roanoke Valley Estate Planning Council

- President (2014-15)

Virginia Bar Association

- Board of Governors (2005-08)
- Wills, Trusts and Estates Section and Legislative Committee, Member (1984–present) and Chair (1993-94)

Virginia College Fund

- Board member (2015-present)

Virginia State Bar

- Taxation Section, Chair (1993-94)
- Trusts and Estates Section, Chair (1995-96)

Virginia Law Foundation

- Fellow (2013)

Western Virginia Charitable Gift Planners

- Director; President (2015-17)

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