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Michael Appleman is a former Managing Partner and a former Chairman of the firm's Business, Tax and Estates Section. He has helped clients plan their estates, and probate the wills and administer the estates of clients' family members, since joining Cantey Hanger in 1993. Mr. Appleman also has significant experience with court-ordered guardianships. And, Mr. Appleman has formed, established, and secured charitable recognition for several non-profit organizations

PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Estate Planning
- Trusts & Estates
- Tax

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 1993)
- The University of Texas (B.A. (Plan II Honors), 1990)

EXPERIENCE

- Marital property planning, including the preparation of pre-nuptial agreements
- Estate and gift planning, including the preparation of wills and trusts and other, related documents that help reduce estate, gift, and other transfer taxes
- Lifetime planning, including the preparation of powers of attorney and directives to physicians (living wills)
- Representation in guardianship matters, including as court-appointed guardian ad litem and attorney ad litemh
- Representation of executors and administrators in the administration of decedents' estates, including the probate of wills, will contests, and the preparation of federal estate tax returns
- Representation of estate and trust beneficiaries
- Representation of trustees in connection with the administration of trusts, including the

interpretation and construction of trust provisions, the appointment or removal of trustees, trust accountings, and trust-related litigation
- Client counseling regarding the formation, operation and transfer of family business ventures, including
- Formation, recognition, and representation of non-profit and charitable organizations

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed to practice law in Texas, 1993
- State Bar of Texas
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Tarrant County Probate Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The North Texas Community Foundation, Board of Directors
- Tarrant County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors
- Trinity Valley School Alumni Association, Board of Directors
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America Woodward/White, Inc. in Trusts and Estates and Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Recognized in Fort Worth Inc. Magazine for being a "Top Attorney" in Probate, Estates and Trust
- Recognized in 360 West Magazine for being a "Top Attorney" in Wills, Trusts, Estates and Probates

NEWS

- Seven Cantey Hanger Lawyers Included in 28th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America
- 16 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Honored by Peers as Top Attorneys
- 12 Cantey Hanger Lawyers Named as Top Attorneys in Fort Worth Magazine
- 'Best Lawyers' recognizes 8 Cantey Hanger LLP attorneys
- Cantey Hanger Attorneys Listed in Fort Worth Inc. Magazine
- 'Best Lawyers' recognizes 11 Cantey Hanger LLP attorneys
- 360 West Magazine, July Edition, Names 14 Cantey Hanger Lawyers as Top Attorneys for 2017
- Appleman elected Managing Partner at Cantey Hanger
- 7 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Named Best Lawyers
- 9 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Named Best Lawyers
- Cantey Hanger Partner Michael Appleman is Elected to the Board of The Community Foundation of North Texas

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Tarrant County Bar Association Brown Bag Seminar Series – Nov 2011 "Probate for the Non-Probate Attorney: Legislative Update – 2011"
- State Bar of Texas – Paralegal Div., Texas Adv. Paralegal Seminar (TAPS) – Oct 2011 "Legislative Update – 2011"
- United Way of Tarrant County – Apr 2011 "Blueprint for Board Service"