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# New Firm—Legacy of Experience

## *Abrams, Davis, Mason & Long Partners Bring 150 Years' Experience to Trusts & Estate Practice*

Abrams, Davis, Mason & Long LLC is a new law firm with a legacy of experience. Specializing in wills, trusts, estates, wealth transfers, charitable giving, family business and tax planning, and estate planning for multinationals, the seven-attorney firm uniquely combines the best of both worlds—big-firm experience and a small-firm format.

"The four partners have 150 years of experience in the estate planning, wealth transfer, and estate and trust administration arena," says Harold "Hal" Abrams, a founding partner.

Abrams, a graduate of Harvard Law School, brings many years of experience to Abrams Davis. Abrams's many accolades include being one of Atlanta's "Legal Elite" and a Georgia "Super Lawyer." He is a past president of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council, the Atlanta Tax Forum and the Southern Federal Tax Institute. He is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.

### The other partners of Abrams Davis, which opened October 1, 2007:

- A. Kimbrough "Kim" Davis graduated from Emory University Law School. He is a fellow in the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, and he also is a "Super Lawyer" and "Legal Elite" member.
- Suzanne Mason, a magna cum laude University of Michigan law graduate, holds a Master's of Tax from Emory University Law School. Her honors include being a "Super Lawyer" and a member of Georgia's "Legal Elite." She is a member of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council.
- Mary Balent Long graduated from Georgetown University Law School. She is a Certified Public Accountant, holds a Master's of Tax Law degree, and is a member of the Georgia, Florida, and D.C. bars, the Atlanta Tax Forum, and the Atlanta Estate Planning Council.
- Experienced senior associates Paige Baker and Laura Traylor and associate Kent Walker add additional depth to Abrams Davis's multi-generational organization and are an important and integral part of Abrams Davis's future. "Clients want to

know highly competent attorneys will be here in the future to assist their families in carrying out the estate planning we are putting in place today," says Mason.

The four partners were previously with 470-member Atlanta law firm Kilpatrick Stockton before deciding to start a small firm whose mission statement includes efficiency combined with excellent client services.

"The small-firm model allows us to spend more time with clients and less on administration," says Long. "There is much less billable hour pressure on



From left: Kim Davis, Mary Long, Suzanne Mason and Hal Abrams

our lawyers. Here, it is more about relationships." Abrams Davis brings an innovative, boutique approach to a legal area that is one of the most personal, yet also dynamic and complex.

### Abrams Davis partners note several trends in the trusts and estates field:

- There is more interest in multi-generational planning. "People are planning for their children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren with "Dynasty Trusts," and they want these trusts professionally managed," says Abrams. "More people are leaving money to charities. They want to know the best ways to accomplish their charitable and tax planning goals." The baby boomers are preparing for retirement with larger estates than ever before. "The boomers are very interested in passing wealth on to successive generations," says Davis.
- As a result of ever changing tax laws, estate and trust instruments have become more and more complex. The good news is complexity provides a myriad of choices. As Abrams wryly notes: "Congress always talks about simplifying the laws. But they never do. When I started, any lawyer could draft a will. That is not true today."

Abrams Davis also specializes in closely held business planning, including succession planning for family businesses, financial and tax planning, general business advice, and the formation of various business entities, including LLCs and family limited partnerships.

"And we are caring and compassionate people," adds Mason. "Planning for and facing death can be very traumatic, difficult and confusing. We pride ourselves in being 'people persons' as well as great technicians in the area."

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