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Jeffrey Hart is a tax, business, and estate planning partner in Shipman's Boston office. He represents business owners, families, executives, and entrepreneurs in matters that bring together corporate law, taxation, and trusts and estates planning. Clients value his ability to translate complex tax and business rules into clear, practical strategies that minimize risk, reduce tax liabilities, and achieve long-term goals.

Jeff frequently advises closely held and family-owned businesses on reorganizations, ownership transitions, and succession planning. He also counsels individuals and families on wealth transfer strategies that incorporate tax efficiency, asset protection, and probate avoidance. His work often bridges business and estate planning, allowing clients to preserve family legacies while ensuring that business and financial transitions are seamless across generations.

Drawing on his background as a certified public accountant, Jeff combines financial insight with legal analysis, giving clients confidence that their business and personal interests are aligned. Whether guiding a major corporate transaction, developing governance structures for emerging companies, or creating estate plans that address both family and tax considerations, he provides the clarity and foresight clients need to make sound, lasting decisions.

In addition to his practice, Jeff was formerly an adjunct professor at New England School of Law in Boston teaching courses in Advanced Corporate Transactions and in Business Planning, lectured on estate taxation at Suffolk University Law School, and annually authored the "Family Owned Businesses and LLCs" chapter of the MCLE publication, *Drafting Estate Plans*.

Jeff brings clarity and foresight to high-stakes decisions. His counsel allows clients to preserve wealth, grow their businesses, and transfer assets in ways that reflect both financial and personal

priorities.

Jeff was a founding partner of Tarlow, Breed, Hart & Rodgers, P.C. and served on that firm's management committee prior to joining Shipman.

Distinctions

- Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly "Go To Lawyer" for Taxation 2024
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®: *Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law (2013-2026) and Tax Law (2018 - 2026)*
- Listed as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer® (2004 - 2025): *Closely Held Business, Tax, and Estate Planning & Probate*
- Voted one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Massachusetts for work with closely held businesses

Teaching Positions

- New England School of Law – Former Adjunct Professor of Law in Advanced Corporate Taxation and Business Planning
- Suffolk University Law School — Former Lecturer on Estate Taxation

Professional Affiliations

- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association
- Boston Estate Planning Council
- Associated Industries of Massachusetts Tax Committee
- Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants

Community Involvement

- Norfolk County Mental Health Association, Inc. - Former Board Member
- Medfield Youth Baseball/Softball, Inc. - Former Treasurer and Board Member

Credentials

Education

- New England School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Notre Dame, B.B.A.

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts

Court Admissions

- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit