



## John A. Mairs

Of Counsel

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**John A. Mairs is Of Counsel in the Financial Services industry group, focusing primarily on tax law and trusts and estates. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.**

For most people, state and federal tax code might as well be written in a different language. Luckily, as both an attorney and a licensed Certified Public Accountant, John is fluent in both tax code and the law, meaning he can analyze the legal issues while crunching the numbers. This makes him the ideal tax attorney and vital part of the Jackson Kelly Financial Services team.

His practice centers on state and local taxation and the taxation of natural resource producers. He represents medium and large national and international companies with business activities in West Virginia. He counts among his clients various manufacturers, health care providers, coal companies, electric power producers and service businesses. He prides himself on helping them evaluate their tax compliance and minimization strategies for West Virginia corporate income and franchise taxes, sales and use taxes, severance taxes, and gross receipt taxes on public utilities.

John also regularly advises clients on local tax issues, such as ad valorem taxes on real and tangible personal property along with municipal business and occupation taxes. A portion of his practice involves acting as a liaison between clients planning to locate new facilities or business operations in West Virginia and state and local economic development agencies to secure tax credits and incentives for business expansion within the state. He has an active tax dispute practice, representing clients contesting assessments of West Virginia taxes before the Office of Tax Appeals, West Virginia Circuit Courts and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, and contesting assessments of local business and occupation taxes and property taxes.

John has been a frequent speaker on coal industry tax issues and sales and use tax issues and is always looking for ways to educate his clients and potential clients on changes to the tax laws.

## Awards

- Named the *Best Lawyers'* 2020 Charleston, West Virginia Tax Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®* for Tax Law (2008-2022)

## Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (1983-Present)

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## Practices

- Economic Development
- Tax

- Trusts & Estates

## Industries

- Financial Services

## Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 1983)
- (J.D., 1983 Certified Public Accountant , 1979)
- West Virginia University College of Law (B.S. in Business Administration, 1978)

## Admissions

- West Virginia (1983)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia

## Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association
- West Virginia Bar Association
- West Virginia State Bar
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants

## Speaking Engagements & Publications

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- "What Has the Legislature Done This Year: State Tax Issues Facing Practitioners," West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants 93rd Annual Meeting, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., June 15, 2011

## Community

- Edgewood Country Club – Finance Committee