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JoAnne "Joleen" Searles is a Partner in the Sarasota office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Private Client Services Practice Group.

Joleen focuses her practice on complex estate planning, trust and estate administration, settlement and probate, high net worth planning, as well as federal estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax planning. She leverages her in-depth knowledge of estate planning to design plans for her clients, no matter how simple or complex the necessary estate plan might be.

Joleen also teaches continuing education seminars for financial advisors and attorneys regarding estate planning, wealth preservation, estate settlement, and relaying the latest changes in the law impacting estates and taxes.

Practice Areas

Private Client Services

Trusts and Estates

Accolades

- *SRQ Magazine*, "Elite Top Attorneys" Award Guide, 2023, 2024
- *Florida Trend*, Florida Legal Elite, 2022, 2023
- [Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated](#)

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 2005
- Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., 2004

JoAnne "Joleen" K. Searles

- University of Virginia, B.A., 2000

Bar Admissions

Florida

New York

Tennessee

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court

Languages

German

Professional and Civic

- Forty Carrots Family Center, Board of Trustees
- Suncoast School for Innovative Studies (SSIS), Board of Directors
- Sarasota Bar Association, Member
- Southwest Estate Planning Council
- Florida Bar
 - Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section

Publications

- Co-Author "The Pocket Guide to Trusts & Estates," January 2013