

Jim Keys 

Keys Law Office

Cincinnati Area | Legal Services



<b>Current</b>	• <b>Business &amp; Estate Planning Attorney at Keys Law Office</b>
<b>Education</b>	• University of Cincinnati College of Law
<b>Recommendations</b>	42 people have recommended Jim
<b>Connections</b>	246 connections
<b>Websites</b>	• My Website
<b>Public Profile</b>	<a href="http://www.linkedin.com/in/jimkeys">http://www.linkedin.com/in/jimkeys</a>

## Summary

Serving Our Clients Since 1976

### Specialties

- 1) BUSINESS LEGAL COUNSEL - Formation & Transactions; Asset & Liability Protection.
- 2) FAMILY ESTATE PLANNING - Probate Avoidance & Asset Preservation; Private Succession & Asset Transfer.

## Experience

### Business & Estate Planning Attorney

#### Keys Law Office

Legal Services industry

December 1976 – Present (33 years 7 months)

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Jim has 42 recommendations (1 co-worker, 16 clients, 25 partners) including:

[Pat Hemmings](#)

[Michael Sutter](#), *President, Cincy Distributors, LLC.*

## Education

### University of Cincinnati College of Law

J.D.

1974 – 1976

## Recommendations For Jim

### Business & Estate Planning Attorney

#### Keys Law Office

"He's on the clients side...has integrity, strong set of values and strong traits...a blessing to work with him." *June 19, 2010*

**Top qualities:** Great Results, Personable, High Integrity

[Pat Hemmings](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2010

"Great working with in Setting up a new corporations. I would work with James again. Thanks for your solid advise." *May 28, 2010*

[Michael Sutter](#), *President, Cincy Distributors, LLC.*

was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"Jim Keys has been one of my preferred professional partners for 5 years now. His ethical commitment to wealth retention comes first in utilizing trusts and probate avoidance and is a key part to our commitment to educating and explaining the intricacies of estate planning. He is an important part of the 5 star experiences that we are able to deliver to our family of clients. If you have ever wondered if there is such a thing as a "good attorney", rest assured that you will find it in Jim. Jim is extremely well liked and respected by our office and all that we have introduced him to. He is professional and courteous and a pure pleasure to work with." *February 3, 2010*

**Top qualities:** Personable, Expert, High Integrity

[Rik Saylor](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2005, and hired Jim more than once

"I've hired Jim twice. First, I had my business LLC set up though an online service. I ran into a question later and had Jim look at my LLC papers. He found and fixed a couple of small things that could have been major issues if something would've happened. He sure gave me peace of mind. Second, Jim is an expert on Estate Planning and Trusts. He set up trusts for my wife and me and what a fantastic job he did. He covered everything we wanted (we both had come from previous marriages, I was a widower with two grown children and my new wife was divorced with 3 children and we needed to combine some things and keep others separate. Jim made expert suggestions for us. We're extremely happy with what Jim did and we'd recommend him to everyone we know." *December 28, 2009*

**Top qualities:** Great Results, Expert, Creative

[Bob Rosselot](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2007, and hired Jim more than once

"I have heard Jim speak on numerous occasions and have had the opportunity to see him at charitable functions and network with him in other venues. When he spoke on Living Trusts, I was so relieved that he answered many questions my mother was grappling with at a difficult time in her life. Jim is knowledgeable and trustworthy, and I would never hesitate to contact him regarding estate planning and trusts." *December 3, 2009*

[Paula Goodnight](#), *Project Manager & Sales Representative, Swordfish Computer Solutions*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"Jim is a thoughtful and professional adviser who provides excellent service. He will help you protect your assets and your loved ones as well. Highly recommend!"  
*September 9, 2009*

[John Young](#), *Owner, Bountiful Harvest Consulting*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James G. Keys, Jr. is a great attorney. I have found him to be honest and to the point with legal matters. It does not matter if it is a simple will or complex trust he can provide the service." *August 27, 2009*

**Top qualities:** Great Results, On Time, High Integrity

[Gerald Summers](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2008, and hired Jim more than once

"I met James Keys at the Business Referral Organization and found James to be an extremely talented, open, and honest person. He concentrates on the individuals needs and is willing to help in any way. I have no doubt that this translates in how he works with his clients. If you are considering working with James, you will be in good hands." *August 22, 2009*

[Ron Malin](#), *Senior Project Manager, Amend Consulting LLC*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"I have known James Keys for several years as a member of the Christian Marketplace Network in Cincinnati, OH. One of his clients asked me to approach James to be a 'business presenter' at our CMN Central Chapter meeting. His presentation was very clear succinct and reasonable. He brings the exceptionally complex matter of estate planning into the realm of common understanding. I know several of Mr. Keys clients who are passionate to discuss what a phenomenal service of estate planning he accomplished for them. While I have not required his service, I would certainly recommend him to friends or family who could benefit." *August 20, 2009*

[Donald Lambert](#), *Business Development Representative, WAKW 93.3fm*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James Keys exemplifies the ultimate business professional. He goes out of his way to assist you, even if you are not a potential client. I would highly recommend his services to anyone considering doing business with him." *August 19, 2009*

[Nick Meyer](#), *Owner, Design Print Pro*  
was a consultant or contractor to Jim at Keys Law Office

"I have not worked directly with Mr. Keys, but he is a trust worthy person and I would recommend him to anyone." *August 19, 2009*

[Dawn Rachel Shearer](#), *Owner, Liberty Flooring Ilc*  
was a consultant or contractor to Jim at Keys Law Office

"James provided excellent service to my company and make the legal document easy to understand. Dependable and honest." *August 18, 2009*

**Top qualities:** Great Results, Personable, Good Value

[Lawrence McCullough](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2003

"Jim is the most down-to-earth, personable and easy-to-talk attorney I know and have known. He is passionate about what he does and is truly interested in helping people with their legal matters. His gracious and calming manner puts others at ease even under the most stressful circumstances. And with his 3 + decades of experience, he knows law." *August 18, 2009*

[Betsy DeLage](#), *Owner, Arlington Business Solutions*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James Keys is very professional and knowledgeable. James Keys follows up with his customers in a timely maner." *August 17, 2009*

**Top qualities:** Personable, On Time, High Integrity

[Stasie Carpenter](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2009

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Jim through several networking groups that we both belong to over the past 5 years. Although I have not needed his services, he is a very respectful, friendly attorney that has often answered many questions for me when it comes to legal matters. He is very informative, and it is readily apparent that he is truly interested in helping families. He is an involved leader in the community. I would trust my family and any of my client's families in Jim's hands and would recommend him highly to anyone needing his services." *August 17, 2009*

[Linda Prather](#), *VP, Marketing, Home Helpers*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"I've had the pleasure of meeting James Keyes through Christian Marketplace Network. He is well respected in our group and has on various occasions shared legal and estate planning insights that we have all benefited from. James has the ability to make the seemingly complicated principles of his profession easily understood by many. I can recommend that you consult with James. He will not confuse. You will come away from your discussion confident and informed." *August 13, 2009*

[Jack Schrand](#), *The Schrand Team, Coldwell Banker West Shell*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James Keys is focused on helping families to use the old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth of pound of cure" when it comes to estate planning. As a result, clients avoid probate and other unnecessary and expensive work when they are settling the estates of loved ones. Going through the loss of a loved one is difficult enough, but adding the expenses of probate in addition is wasteful. I am aware of an estate that was recently settled where the entirety of the cash and stock assets (valued at the time at \$250,000) of the estate were spent on probate and death taxes." *August 13, 2009*

[Ted Leithart](#), *MBA, President, The Leithart Group*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"Mr. James G. Keys, Jr., Esq. is an intelligent legal mind and admirable leader. I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Keys as a consultant to help his group establish, develop and launch a professional basketball franchise in 2004. In my strategic consultation of equity sales and acquisition, team and venue management and intellectual property services, I've learned so much about securities law, especially as it is to professional sports that I don't feel a need to go to law school! As such, I write this endorsement as a token of my indebtedness to Mr. Keys as I now value him as a consultant." *August 12, 2009*

[Autry P. Brantley](#), *Founder | Coach | Consultant, MvS*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"Jim Keys prepared our estate papers, which were quite tricky based upon our grandchildren and their blended parents. He gave us several suggestions that pleased us and gave us peace of mind. Jim is very professional and knows his speciality. I am proud to recommend him and encourage EVERYONE to get a trust, will, etc. You worked hard for your assets and you want them to be distributed in accordance with your wishes --not those of probate court. It is worth the time and expense to have Jim

met with you and your immediate family to discuss these valued topics and prepare all the necessary papers. You will be glad you did. Don't wait....contact Jim Keys NOW!  
August 12, 2009

**Top qualities:** Expert, High Integrity, Creative

[Carol Venn](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2003

"Jim is quite knowledgeable and dependable. I highly recommend him!" August 12, 2009

[Paul Nidich](#), Assistant Attorney General, Ohio Attorney General's Office  
worked directly with Jim at Keys Law Office

"In a world where everything seems to be about "me", Jim is a trusted professional that will go to work for "you" and put your interests first. His knowledge and ability to relate are second-to-none. It's great to have someone like Jim in your corner, who you know is willing to go the extra mile and be there when you need him. I would recommend Jim without any hesitation to friends, family and others seeking his services." August 12, 2009

[Tim Fitzharris](#), Financial Advisor, Haire Bohmer Wealth Management Group  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"I have heard Jim Keys present his products, and it is evident that he has a genuine concern for folks. He offers clear and easy-to-understand explanations and that is a welcome trait. Although I have not yet been involved with Jim Keys, I know when the opportunity arrives, I will be consulting with him first." August 12, 2009

[Lee Kresser](#), President, Thought Weaver Productions LLC  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"I had the pleasure of joining Jim and other high caliber individuals on a CEO round table. Jim is a person of highest integrity who truly cares about people. He takes the time to get to know a person and uses his experience, expertise and network to help them. I would not hesitate in recommending Jim." August 11, 2009

[Tim DeRosett](#), Principal, KTS Marketing Solutions  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"Mr. Keys is a consummate professional with high integrity and prodigious ethics. I highly recommend Mr. Keys for all sectors of small business law." August 10, 2009

**Top qualities:** Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

[Paul Baker](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2008

"Jim's knowledge and experience with Business and Estate planning is outstanding. I highly recommend Jim and have great respect for his professionalism and focus on the client's needs." August 10, 2009

[Tom Breitenbach](#), President and Owner, The James Joseph Group, dba FocalPoint Business Coaching of Greater Cincinnati  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James Keys worked with my husband and myself to develop our will and other estate planning documents. He was very thorough in explaining the details and making sure we understood the whole process. I feel very comfortable that we worked with a man of integrity and that we have these important matters in order." August 10, 2009

**Top qualities:** Personable, Expert, High Integrity

[Kim Lyon](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2008

"James has always impressed me as the consummate professional." August 10, 2009

[Anthony Castelli | Attorney](#), Accident Attorney, Anthony Castelli Attorney  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James G. Keys, Jr., (Business Partner) Awesome Networker. You are great person to have on anyone's team! Master of All Legal Matters / Professional In His Market Have Sent Many Friends to James G. Keys, Jr To Work With A Very Trusted Person Larry Shideler Customer Loyalty Manager Lshide37@aol.com 513-405-4773 Cell M3 Promotions Cincinnati, Ohio www.m3promo.com http://www.linkedin.com/in/larryshideler Embroidered & Printed Shirts Pens / Cups / Corporate Logo's School & Team Sportswear Over 10,000 Plus+ Choices" August 10, 2009

[Larry Shideler](#), Customer Loyalty Manager, Inspection Plus, LTD.  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"James has demonstrated good business insights, and has consistently performed outstanding work on the cases of the clients that we have shared. I would not hesitate to refer new cases to him." August 10, 2009

[Jim Crowley](#), President, Crowley, Ahlers & Roth Co. L.P.A.  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

"Jim Keys is a wonderful attorney. He is articulate, but down-to-earth. I had him in my home to talk with my wife and I over "final" preparations which is hard enough, and he made the process so simple and easy. Jim is a very calm demeanored attorney, which means he's not easily ruffled and consequently brings a sense of calmness and fairness when discussing legal matters that I'm hard pressed to say I do not typically find in attorneys. I would recommend Jim as a lawyer to anyone seeking estate planning and avoiding probate (government enjoying your money after you're gone instead of your family). A+." August 10, 2009

**Top qualities:** Expert, Good Value, High Integrity

[Chris Hammond 513-200-6056](#)

hired Jim as a Legal & Law in 2007, and hired Jim more than once

"I have known Jim over the years. He has a targeted and focused practice, and a client-centric approach in his business processes. Do take the time to get to know Jim, and you will come to know that he can be a great help to you and your family." August 10, 2009

[Arun Lai](#), Financial Consultant, AXA Advisors, LLC  
was a consultant or contractor to Jim at Keys Law Office

"Attorney Keys assisted me in selecting the best business entity for my needs, forming the business entity, and maintaining the business entity. I was very satisfied with his ability to understand my needs, identify the key issues, determine the available options, and explain how to best meet my needs." August 10, 2009

**Top qualities:** Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

[James Keys, III](#)

hired Jim as a Attorney in 2005

"James has been a great asset and comes highly recommended by our firm and all who have had the pleasure of his introduction and service. His genuine and straight forward honesty cements all of his personal and professional relationships." August 10, 2009

**Top qualities:** Great Results, Good Value, High Integrity

- [Kim Saylor](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2003, and hired Jim more than once

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- "Jim is a strong man of integrity and character. He is detailed and focused, and conveys estate planning needs and concepts well to his clients." *August 10, 2009*  
[Greg Woods](#), *Owner, Northwestern Mutual Financial*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

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- "I have worked closely with Jim, finding him to be committed to serving his clients with estate planning and other legal matters, credible in his advise and easy to work with." *August 10, 2009*  
[Richard Sears](#), *Financial Advisor, CFP®, AWMA, MBA, Ameriprise Financial*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

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- "James Keys is a top expert in his field, who has all of the mental and personal resources to be able to provide impeccable service in virtually any area of the law." *August 10, 2009*  
**Top qualities:** Expert, Good Value, High Integrity  
[Aaron Spiegel](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2005

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- "Jim Keys is a pleasure to work with. He is an expert on estate planning and makes it easily understood for everyone - especially those without a legal background. He covers all details necessary in planning for your future. Jim is also very civic minded. He is actively involved in the community and sits on the board of directors of a variety of organizations. Jim is who I turn to for my planning my estate." *August 10, 2009*  
[Kristin Spanogians](#), *Special Events Coordinator, West Chester Chamber Alliance*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

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- "Jim assisted our company with a collection issue that was significant for us. The process went as he had detailed and we ultimately collected. Jim dealt with the other side with professionalism, knowledge of the process, and strength. Thanks Jim!" *August 10, 2009*  
**Top qualities:** Great Results, Expert, Good Value  
[Marty Boswell](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2009

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- "I recommend attorney, Jim Keys for your business and estate planning needs. He is compassionate about his work and without a doubt one of the most knowledgable in his field. As Jim says, if you do not develop a plan for your business or your estate, the government will do it for you." *August 10, 2009*  
[Ginger Lehman](#), *Sales, Brower Insurance Agency*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

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- "James G. is well respected in the legal community for his astute and meticulous representation of clients." *August 10, 2009*  
[Constance Hill](#), *General Counsel, d.e. Foxx & Associates*  
was with another company when working with Jim at Keys Law Office

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- "I hired Jim Keys to do some work for me with respects to estate planning and not only was the work priced well, but he finished in a little under a week. That's unheard of for attorneys. His explanation of the estate plan was excellent and I loved how he made me understand why I needed it. I have sent him 3 or 4 more clients and he has earned rave reviews from all of them. If you need any estate planning needs, I can not think of a better attorney for the job. Chad Middleton" *August 10, 2009*  
**Top qualities:** Great Results, Expert, High Integrity  
[Chad Middleton](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2008, and hired Jim more than once

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- "I have known Jim for over 5 years and have worked with him on both the Professional level as well as the Personal level. I have referred many clients to Jim because of his excellent results, knowledge and his integrity. I trust in Jim's ability and would refer family and friends as well as business clients to him." *August 10, 2009*  
**Top qualities:** Great Results, Personable, High Integrity  
[Roger Myers](#)  
hired Jim as a Attorney in 2005, and hired Jim more than once

Additional Information

- Websites**      • [My Website](#)
- Interests**      [Cooking & Dining with Family & Friends; Travel & Entertainment.](#)
- Groups and Associations**      [Ohio State Bar Association; American Bar Association; West Chester Chamber Alliance; BOD Atrium Medical Center of Middletown, OH; BOD Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty; BOD Fitton Center For Creative Arts of Hamilton, OH.](#)
- Honors and Awards**      [2006 & 2007 Finalist, Dorothy & Art Roth Citizen of the Year Award, West Chester Chamber Alliance](#)

Personal Information

- Phone:**      (513) 349-1678 (mobile)
- Birthday:**      October 12
- Marital status:**      Married

Contact Settings

- Interested In**
- consulting offers
  - new ventures
  - expertise requests
  - business deals
  - reference requests
  - getting back in touch

**Contacting You**

How a user can contact you depends on how he or she is connected to you:

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- If a connection views your profile, he or she sees your email address
  - If a user in your network views your profile, he or she sees a "Get Introduced" button
  - If a user in the LinkedIn Network tries to view your profile, he or she will see an anonymous profile and a "Contact Directly" button

[Change your contact settings.](#)