

As a third-generation leader and co-owner of his family's business, Martin Preferred Foods, Jeff Tapick is proud and grateful of the business success and legacy he inherited from his parents and grandparents. He believes his primary mission is to cultivate and grow the Tapick family's business assets so they may be passed on for the benefit of many future generations to come.

Prior to joining his family's business, Jeff spent ten years working as a lawyer both in private practice at a firm in New York, and as a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. It was in D.C. that Jeff met his wife, Rebecca, at a party for President Obama's first inauguration, and the couple were married two years later. His parents' purchase of 100% ownership in the business opened the door for Jeff to get involved. Shortly after moving to Houston to join the family business, Jeff and Rebecca became the first husband/wife pair to concurrently earn M.B.A.'s in Family Business from the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. Applying the knowledge they gained in that program, and in an effort to avoid repeating the cycles of conflict experienced by prior generations of the Tapick family, Jeff and Rebecca spearheaded the creation of a Tapick family council and the adoption of a family statement of values, a family mission statement, and similar family governance documents. In 2014, Jeff was appointed president and chief operating officer of MPF.

Jeff and Rebecca have two boys, Elijah (4) and Ezra (2). Jeff is a member of the YPO Houston Chapter. He holds a B.A. in history from Amherst College, and a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.