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CERTIFIED SPECIALIST IN ESTATE AND TRUST LAW

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Scott Erickson's clients benefit from his devotion of time and effort in learning and understanding their circumstances, needs and objectives. Scott is an AV-rated Certified Specialist in Estate and Trust Law, an eight-time Super Lawyers honoree, and a past chair of the State Bar of Arizona's Estate and Trust Advisory Commission.

Scott's estate planning practice encompasses asset protection planning, business succession planning, charitable gift planning, pre-marital planning, probate and trust administration, business formation, the purchase/sale of interests in family owned entities, and mergers and acquisitions involving closely held business entities.

Scott's clients benefit from his:

- attention to ongoing tax developments and planning opportunities;
- devoting the time and effort necessary to learn and understand each client's circumstances, needs and objectives;
- educating clients about the available options; and
- working closely with clients and their advisors to design and implement sound and specifically tailored strategies.

Effecting tax-efficient wealth transfers is an objective shared by many of Scott's clients, but he is frequently called upon to help clients achieve other goals as well, like reducing exposure to future creditor claims, preserving a family business or legacy, promoting a religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational cause, making lifetime and/or testamentary transfers to minor or disabled beneficiaries (or trusts for their benefit), and planning for incapacity. Scott also represents and advises fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and creditors in estate and trust matters.

PRACTICE AREAS

Estate Planning
Probate & Trust Administration
Estate Controversy
Business Formation
Mergers and Acquisitions
Tax Planning
Asset Protection

CERTIFICATION

Certified Specialist in Estate and Trust Law, Arizona Board of Legal Specialization

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America® (Trusts and Estates), 2010-2018
Super Lawyers, 2008-2015
AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell
Arizona's Finest Lawyers, 2011
"Best of the Bar," *Phoenix Business Journal*, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association: Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
State Bar of Arizona: Probate and Trust Law Section; Past Chair, Estate and Trust Advisory Commission, Arizona Board of Legal Specialization

Maricopa County Bar Association
Central Arizona Estate Planning Council

COURT ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1993
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1993

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Probate Court and Trust and Estate Litigation Updates," State Bar of Arizona (2011)
"Selected Drafting Issues Under the Arizona Trust Code," State Bar of Arizona, Probate and Trust Law Section (2009)
"Estate Planning: Beyond the Basics," KAET Channel 8 (2009)
"Recent Developments in Estate Freeze Transactions and Planning with Family Limited Partnerships," Arthritis Foundation, Greater Southwest Chapter (2009)

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Texas, 1993
B.A., Economics, Stanford University, 1985

BIRTHPLACE

Milwaukee, Wisconsin