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Main Bio

Scott's practice is concentrated in trust and estate planning, business succession planning, and charitable planning. Scott assists clients with the drafting of basic and advanced estate planning documents, including various types of revocable and irrevocable trusts. Scott provides advice to clients regarding income, gift, and estate tax issues. Scott helps clients establish and operate for-profit entities including family limited partnerships and limited liability companies and non-profit entities.

Education

- New York University School of Law (LL.M., Taxation, 2012)
- University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., with distinction, 2008)
 - Administrative Editor, *Journal of Corporation Law*
- Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business (B.S., Accountancy, *summa cum laude*, 2005)
 - Minor in Spanish
 - International Business Certificate

Languages

- Spanish

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Dallas Bar Association
 - Probate, Trusts, & Estates Section
- Dallas Estate Planning Council
- BYU Management Society – Dallas, Texas

Representative Presentations & Publications

- TIGTA Report, "Improvements are Needed in the Estate and Gift Tax Return Examination Process," Presenter, ABA Tax Litigation and Controversy Committee Teleconference (November 16, 2017)
- "Estate Planning Basics," Presenter and Author, TCN Worldwide West Region Conference (March 10, 2017)

- "Asset Protection Trusts (in Arizona): Explained," Co-Presenter, State Bar of Arizona CLE (March 7, 2017)
- "Choice of Entity in a Dynamic Tax Environment," Co-Author, Michigan Bar Journal (December 2009)
- "The Governing Board for Iowa Charitable Nonprofit Organizations," Co-Editor, 2nd ed. (2007)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation : Trusts and Estates (2024)

Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
 - RPTE Reporter for Heckerling (2019-2021)
- Dallas Estate Planning Council
 - Board of Governors (2019-2021)
- Phoenix Zoo
 - Planned Giving Advisory Committee (2014-2017)
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
 - Volunteer (2013-2017)
- Boy Scouts of America
 - Eagle Scout and Volunteer (2008-2010, 2013-2015)
- LDS Missionary, Santiago, Chile (1999-2001)

Previous Professional Experience

- Winstead PC (2017-2021)
- Snell & Wilmer LLP (2012-2017)
- Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (2008-2011)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Michigan
- Texas
- Utah

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- Supreme Court of Michigan
- Supreme Court of Texas
- Supreme Court of Utah