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Main Bio

Robin Miskell focuses her practice in estate planning, probate and trust administration, taxation and exempt organizations. She is experienced in drafting complex trust agreements, gift and estate tax returns, creating charitable organizations and handling contested probate administration cases. Robin is a Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist through the State Bar of Arizona and designs customized estate plans for married and unmarried couples, individuals and high-net-worth clients that include tax saving strategies, probate avoidance, education planning for children, charitable giving, inter-generational wealth transfers, real estate, life insurance and retirement strategies, and end-of-life planning.

Robin also specializes in drafting gun trusts and advising clients dealing with firearms for both planning and estate administration issues.

Education

- University of Texas, (J.D. 1990)
- University of Texas (B.S., Civil Engineering, with honors, 1983)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Fellow, American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist
 - Estate and Trust Law Advisory Commission
 - Probate & Trust Law Section, Executive Council
- American Bar Association
 - Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Valley Estate Planners

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Trusts for Changing Times," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona, What's Hot and What's Not in 2021 Estate Planning (March 16, 2021)
- "Maximizing Your Philanthropy Through the New Tax Act," Presenter, Arizona Community Foundation (September 18, 2019)

- "Trust Modification: When, How and Why?," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona CLE by the Sea (July 16, 2019)
- "What's Wrong With this Clause? The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona CLE by the Sea (July 15, 2019)
- "If an IDGT is a Bridge, is a BDIT a Bridge Too Far?," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona (February 27, 2019)
- "Identifying and Addressing Attorney Conflicts in Estate Planning, Litigation and Administration," Co-Chair and Panel Member, State Bar of Arizona (November 8, 2018)
- "When Death Comes to Bankruptcy: Understanding Spendthrift Trusts," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention, Bankruptcy Consumer Section (June 29, 2018)
- "Estate Planning and Estate Administration Issues Posed by Firearms," Presenter, Estate Planning Council of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee (September 12, 2016)
- "Summary of Hoag v. French - Issues Regarding Jurisdiction over Trustee," Presenter, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) Arizona state meeting (June 26, 2016)
- "Portability – Is it a Planning Tool or is it a Safety Net?," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (June 15, 2016)
- "The Portability Election Under the 2015 Final Regulations," Presenter, Valley Estate Planners (November 19, 2015)
- "Crossover Issues in Estate Planning," Presenter, Maricopa County Bar Association, Family Law Section (March 6, 2015)
- "Forever Young in Life and Business: How to Protect and Enhance Your Image for Success," Co-Presenter, Phoenix, Arizona (May 9, 2014)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Trusts and Estates (2020-2022)
- Chambers High Net Worth Guide, Arizona Private Wealth Law (2018-2021)

Community Involvement

- National Charity League (2012-2017)
- Wills for Heroes, Volunteer

Previous Professional Experience

- Dickinson Wright

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States Tax Court