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Main Bio

John Vryhof's practice is concentrated in estate planning, trust and estate litigation, charitable planning, foundation and non-profit organizations, business succession planning, and international estate planning.

Education

- The University of Michigan Law School (J.D., cum laude)
- Michigan State University, Honors College (B.A., Economics, with high honors)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
 - Arizona State Chair, Past (2012-2017)
 - Fiduciary Income Tax Committee
 - International Estate Planning Committee
 - Fiduciary Litigation Committee
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Certified Tax Law Specialist
 - Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "5 Tips for Regaining Order in Your Financial Life," Quoted, USA Today (March 10, 2019)
- "Estate Planning for Artists and Collectors," Presenter, Valley Estate Planners (February 14, 2019); Southern Arizona Estate Planning Council (January 27, 2017); Arizona State Bar Convention (June 15, 2016)
- "Estate Planning with Corporations, LLCs and Partnerships," Co-Presenter, State Bar of Arizona CLE by the Sea (July 12, 2016)
- "What Estate Planners Should Know About Art Law," Chair, Arizona State Bar Convention (June 15, 2016)
- "International Estate Planning: What to Watch for, What to Do," Presenter, Valley Estate Planners (April 21, 2016), Arizona Community Foundation (May 12, 2016)

- "[Recent Arizona Developments in Estate Planning and Administration](#)," Presenter, ACTEC Western Regional Meeting, Portland, Oregon (August 23, 2015)
- "Estate Planning for the Future: Bitcoins, Money Laundering & Lawyers," Chair, Arizona State Bar Convention (June 26, 2015)
- The Thrive Conference for Families in Business, Speaker (May 27-28, 2015)
- "How to Practice Law And: Make it to Your Child's Soccer Game, Make it Home in Time for Dinner, Make it to a Ripe Old Age, Make Your Clients Happy, Be Happy Yourself," Chair and Speaker, Arizona State Bar Convention (June 13, 2014)
- "[Recent Arizona Developments in Estate Planning and Administration](#)," Presenter, ACTEC Western Regional Meeting, Half Moon Bay, California (August 31, 2013)
- "You Should Plan for Digital Assets, Too," Quoted, The Arizona Republic (June 30, 2013)
- "Estate Planning in a Digital Age," Chair and Speaker, Arizona State Bar Convention (June 12, 2013)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys, Arizona State Bar Foundation (2018, 2023)
- Eleanor ter Horst Distinguished Service Award, Probate and Trust Section, State Bar of Arizona (2021-2022)
- Chambers High Net Worth Guide, Arizona Private Wealth Law, Band 1 (2016-2023)
- The Best Lawyers in America[®], Trusts and Estates, Trusts & Estates Litigation (2006-2024)
 - Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Trusts and Estates (2022-2023)
- Southwest Super Lawyers[®], Estate Planning & Probate (2007-2022)

Community Involvement

- The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, Pro Bono Attorney
- Community Legal Services, Inc., Volunteer Lawyers Program, Pro Bono Attorney
- The Phoenix Symphony Association, Past Board of Directors

Previous Professional Experience

- Streich Lang (now Quarles & Brady), Phoenix, AZ
- Sidley & Austin, Chicago, IL

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Illinois (inactive)

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Immigration Court
- United States Tax Court