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Main Bio

Kevin Wright's areas of practice include estate planning, probate, estate and trust litigation, and business succession planning.

Kevin assists clients with the drafting of wills, durable powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney and living wills, and various types of trust including revocable trusts, gift trusts, defective grantor trusts, qualified personal residence trusts and charitable trusts. Kevin provides advice regarding income, gift and estate tax issues. He also helps clients establish for-profit entities including family limited partnerships and limited liability companies.

Kevin also represents heirs, beneficiaries, fiduciaries and third-parties in estate and trust litigation matters.

Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D.)
 - Third Place, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC[®]) Foundation Mary Moers Wenig National Writing Competition: "The History and Future of the Delaware Tax Trap"
 - Willard H. Pedrick Scholar
 - Pro Bono Highest Distinction
 - Executive Moot Court Board, Board Member
- Westmont College (B.A., Sociology)
 - Minor in English

Professional Memberships & Activities

- State Bar of Arizona
- Maricopa County Bar Association
- Central Arizona Estate Planning Council
 - Board of Directors, Member (2018-Present)
 - Executive Board
 - Past-President (2022-2023)
 - President (2021-2022)
 - Vice-President (2020-2021)

- Secretary (2019-2020)
- Emerging Professionals Group (EPG), Chairperson (2018)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Trusts and Estates Litigation, Trusts and Estates (2021-2023)
- EPG Scholarship Recipient, Central Arizona Estate Planning Council (2014-2015)

Community Involvement

- Phoenix Zoo Planned Giving Advisory Committee Member
- Wills for Heroes, Volunteer
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), Volunteer
- The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, Pro Bono Attorney
- Community Legal Services, Inc., Volunteer Lawyers Program, Pro Bono Attorney

Previous Professional Experience

- Frazer, Ryan, Goldberg & Arnold, LLP
 - Associate (2014-2016)
- Maricopa County Superior Court, Judicial Law Clerk for Hon. Jay M. Polk (2012)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

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