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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW Coral Gables, FL

Master of Laws in Estate Planning, 2000

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Malibu, CA

Juris Doctor, 1998

Moot Court Board Member, 1996-1997
Business and Tax Society Member, 1996-1997
South Central Los Angeles Youth Development Project, Student Director 1997-1998
Student Bar Association, Representative, 1995-1996

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY Pomona, CA

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, emphasis in Finance & Real Estate, 1994

Golden Key National Honor Society, 1992-1994
Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society, 1992-1994
Dean's List Five Times, 1989-1994
United Business Student Senate, Representative, 1994

CERTIFICATIONS

California State Bar Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trusts & Probate Law, 2010

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

California Real Estate Broker, 1995
California Life, Health, and Accident Insurance Agent, 2004
California Notary Public, 1995
California Substitute Teacher, 1998
California Locksmith, 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Estate Litigation, BusinessWeek, 2014
Living Trust Needs to Be Up to Date, Fontana Herald News, 2014
Second Thoughts, Private Wealth Magazine, 2013
The Burden of Wealth, Private Wealth Magazine, 2013
NFL Player and Estate Attorney Help Children, Newsweek Magazine, 2013
California Closing Courts, Pasadena Independent Newspaper, 2013
Wealth Manager, Newsweek Magazine, 2013
Delivering on a Promise, Hollywood Weekly, 2008
Planning for Life and Death, Daily Breeze, 2008
HIPAA Waiver Needed if You're Incapacitated, Buena Park/Anaheim Independent, 2008

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Cerritos, CA

Adjunct Professor, 2013-Present

Taught courses on Estate Planning and Business Law for an American Bar Association approved. paralegal program. Responsible for creation of in-class presentations to students, exams, projects, and other teaching materials. Planned and instructed curriculum

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Eliminating the Mandatory "B" Trust—Saving Time and Money
Seminar to the General Public, 2013
Pet Trusts: You, Your Bird, and Forever After
Torrance Bird Society, 2013
IRA and Life Insurance Estate Planning
Comerica Bank, 2013
Pet Trusts and QPRTs
South Bay Trust and Estate Council Focus Session, 2013
Real Estate Issues in Probate
Coldwell Banker Broker's Meeting, 2012
1031 Exchanges and Real Estate Sales During Probate
Century 21 Broker's Meeting, 2012
Estate Tax Laws for 2011
Tom Gau's Monthly Seminar, 2011
Changes in the Estate Tax Laws
Pinnacle Wealth Monthly Meeting, 2011

EXPERIENCE

BEZAIRE, LEDWITZ & BORNCAMP, APC Torrance, CA
President, Attorney at Law, 2006-Present

Act as President for six attorney law firm with five office locations throughout Southern California. Practice dedicated to estate planning, estate administration, probate, estate litigation, probate litigation, and Medi-cal planning. Analyze, create, and service estate plans for diverse client base exceeding 1,000 individuals and families. Estate plans include living trusts, wills, and irrevocable trusts, as well as advance health care directives, HIPAA waivers, and powers of attorney for asset management. Handle estate administrations, including asset allocations, overseeing 706 returns, and offering other tax advice. Interview and hire new personnel, including support staff and associate attorneys. Draft advanced estate plans, including family limited partnerships (FLPs), charitable remainder trusts (CRTs), limited liability corporations (LLCs), irrevocable life insurance trusts (ILITs), and qualified personal residence trusts (QPRTs).

LAW OFFICES OF KAVESH, MINOR & OTIS Torrance, CA
Associate, 2000-2006

Four attorney law firm dedicated to the practice of estate planning and estate administration. Responsibilities included extensive client contact to determine estate planning needs. Analyzed, created, drafted, and serviced estate plans for clients.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Beverly Hills Bar Association, 2011-present
Long Beach Bar Association, 2011-present
Long Beach Trust and Estate Council, 2011-present
Los Angeles Trust and Estate Council, 2011-present
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, 2011-present
Pasadena Bar Association, 2011-present
Society of Estate and Trust Practitioners, 2011-present
South Bay Bar Association, 2011-present
Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2010-present
South Bay Estate and Trust Council, 2010-present

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court for the Central District of California, 1998
United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 2008
United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2008
United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 2008
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2008
United States Court of Federal Claims, 2008
United States Tax Court, 2008
United States Supreme Court, 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

California Bar, 1998
Washington D.C. Bar, 2008