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Main Bio

Lauren Talkington's practice is concentrated in private client services, specifically estate planning, probate, estate and trust litigation, and business succession planning.

She has extensive experience in preparing estate planning documents to fit clients' needs, including wills, revocable or irrevocable trusts, as well as incapacity planning documents such as financial and health care powers of attorney. Lauren also provides advice regarding income, gift, and estate tax issues and has extensive experience in preparing taxable estate tax returns, portability estate tax returns, estate and trust income tax returns, as well as gift tax returns.

Lauren has widespread knowledge of fiduciary service matters, including matters of complex estate and trust administration, as well as focused knowledge of generation-skipping and fiduciary tax principles. Lauren also represents fiduciaries – family/friends, licensed professionals or corporate – as well as heirs, beneficiaries or other interested parties in estate, trust and probate litigation.

Lauren is a Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist through the State Bar of Arizona.

Education

- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D.)
 - Business Litigation Certificate
- Northern Arizona University (B.S.B.A., Business Economics; B.A., International Affairs)
 - Magna cum laude and liberal studies honors, Economics
 - Cum laude and liberal studies honors, International Affairs
 - Gold Axe Award for Distinguished Senior
 - Study abroad at Ecole de Management Strasbourg Business School, Strasbourg, France
- Licensed Fiduciary, Arizona Supreme Court

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association
 - State Board
 - Executive Committee (2021 - present)

- Board Member (2018 - present)
- Southern Arizona Chapter
 - Member of Southern Arizona Chapter Steering Committee (2017 - present)
 - President (2020)
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist
- Southern Arizona Estate Planning Counsel
 - General Member (2016 - present)
- Pima County Bar Association
 - General Member (2015 - present)
 - Young Lawyers Division (2017 - 2020)
- James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona
 - Feghtly Moot Court Competition Judge (2017 - 2021)
 - Alumni Panelist, Admitted Student's Day (2017 - 2021)
- Morris K. Udall American Inn of Court
 - Associate Member (2015 - 2020)
 - President (2019 - 2020)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "What Lawyers Need to Know About Estate Planning," Presentation, Arizona Women Lawyers Association (September 18, 2023)
- ["Estate Planning Update: NINGs, DINGs, and Anti-ING California Laws,"](#) Episode Co-Host, CalCurrent Podcast (September 14, 2023)
- "Burial and Cremation Arrangements in Arizona—How We Can Help Our Clients Post-Ghostley," Co-Presenter, State Bar of Arizona Probate & Trust Law Section (November 1, 2022)
- "Advocate your Way to Success: Advancing your Career and Negotiating Compensation," Moderator, Arizona Women Lawyers Association (October 20, 2022)
- ["Don't Believe the Myth: Estate Planning is not all about Wealth,"](#) Author, Inside Tucson Business (July 1, 2022)
- "Estate Planning for Young Professionals," Presenter, Tucson Young Professionals (April 21, 2022)
- "Business Basics: Building the Foundation for your New Business," Co-Presenter, Tucson Emerging Business Seminar Series (March 3, 2022)
- "Decision-Making Power for Others," Presenter, Santa Catalina Assisted Living Facility (November 16, 2021)
- "Estate Planning for Guns and Digital Assets," Panelist, Southern Arizona Estate Planning Council's Annual Estate Planner's Day (January 27, 2017)
- "Project Trust Funding: Some Assets are In, Other Assets are Out," Co-Presenter, Tucson Tax Study Group (March 17, 2017)
- "Funding the Trust," Presenter, Young Tax Professionals Breakfast Group (May 16, 2018)

- “What is Incapacity and Estate Planning? Powers of Attorney, Wills, and Trusts,” Presenter, Senior Living Community in Tucson, (August 28, 2019)
- “Powers of Attorney, Guardianships, and Conservatorships,” Presenter, Agape Hospice (April 29, 2021)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Snell & Wilmer COACH Award (2024)
- Snell & Wilmer Community Involvement Award (2024)
- 40 Under 40 Award, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (2023)

Community Involvement

- Greater Tucson Leadership
 - Economic Development Issue Day Committee member (2023)
 - Justice & Public Safety Issue Day Committee member (2023)
- Tucson Jewish Community Center, Finance Committee member (2023)
- Junior Achievement, volunteer (2022)

Previous Professional Experience

- Bogutz & Gordon, P.C., Associate (2015-2021)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Nevada

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Nevada
- Supreme Court of Arizona