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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 complex trust and estate administration cases. Robin is a Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist through the State Bar of Arizona, and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She 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. She is a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas.

Education

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

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Fellow, American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
 - Member of Asset Protection Committee
 - Member of Estate and Gift Tax Committee
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist
 - Estate and Trust Law Advisory Commission
 - Probate & Trust Law Section, Executive Council
 - Chairperson (2022-2023)
- Valley Estate Planners

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "The Importance of the Appraisal Process for Gift and Estate Tax Planning," Co-Presenter, Valley Estate Planners Meeting (May 18, 2023)
- "Legislative Update," Presenter and Co-Chair, State Bar of Arizona CLE by the Sea (July 15-17, 2022)

- "Jiao v. Xu – Charging Order Case," Presenter, ACTEC Summer Meeting of Asset Protection Committee (June 24, 2022)
- "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 (2020-2024)
- Chambers High Net Worth Guide, Arizona Private Wealth Law (2018-2023)

Community Involvement

- Arizona Community Foundation Professional Advisory Board
- National Charity League (2012-2017)
- Wills for Heroes, Volunteer

Previous Professional Experience

- Dickinson Wright

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Colorado

Court Admissions

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