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J. Noland Franz is Of Counsel in the Firm's Corporate, Tax and Estate Planning Practice Groups in Scottsdale, Arizona, and is licensed to practice law in the states of Arizona, Colorado and Missouri. Jay, who is certified by the State Bar of Arizona as an Estate & Trust Specialist and has extensive experience in business and securities law, focuses his practice on estate planning, trust and probate administration, asset protection planning, business formation and business succession (exit) planning, business tax planning, private offerings of securities, and trust and estate litigation and appeals.

Mr. Franz is a former trial attorney for the Securities & Exchange Commission. He has in-depth experience in securities law and related matters, and served for a number of years as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and, prior to that, for the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD).

Jay is a member of a nationwide network of estate planning lawyers known as WealthCounsel. He also is a member of the Central Arizona Estate Planning Council. Jay has conducted Continuing Professional Education workshops and seminars on estate planning and tax exempt organizations for the State Bar of Arizona, Lorman Education Services, and the National Business Institute.

An active participant in Phoenix-area community affairs, Jay has been involved for a number of years with the Scottsdale Healthcare Foundation Financial Advisors, the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library; the Arizona Zoological Society (the Phoenix Zoo), Phoenix Mid-Town Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Scottsdale, and Valley Leadership (Class V).

Jay has been awarded an AV Preeminent rating, the highest possible rating by the Martindale-Hubbell International Law Directory, which indicates that he is recognized by members of the bar and judiciary for the highest levels of legal ability and ethical standards. He also has been named as one of Arizona's Finest Lawyers, having been recognized by his peers in Arizona as an attorney who has demonstrated high skill, unquestioned integrity and full commitment to the rule of law. Mr. Franz has been recognized by Phoenix Magazine as one of the top lawyers in the Phoenix metropolitan area and by Arizona Business Magazine as a Top Lawyer in Estate and Trust Litigation.

Mr. Franz is a member of the State Bar of Arizona, including its Sections of Probate and Trust Law, Business Law, and Taxation, and is a Fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation. He also is a member of the Colorado Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association.

Mr. Franz earned his J.D. at the University of Michigan School of Law. Following law school, Mr. Franz also earned his M.B.A. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Before law school, after attending Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, until the middle of his junior year, Mr. Franz received his B.A. in Economics at the University of Kansas.

Areas of Practice

Corporate
Tax & Estate Planning

Industry Specialty

Private Equity

Bar Admissions

Arizona
Colorado
Missouri

Federal Bar Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri