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Areas of Practice

Trust & Estates

Business Entities & Transactions

Tax Law

Real Estate & Land Use

Trust, Estate & Fiduciary Litigation

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Nevada

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for Nevada

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

LL.M. in Taxation, New York University School of Law, 1980

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1979

B.S., Santa Clara University, 1976

Certifications

CPA

Professional Background

Robert Armstrong is nationally recognized for his representation of high-net-worth clients and family trust companies. His practice is focused on estate, gift, generation-skipping, and income tax planning, as well as the administration of trusts and estates, business and real estate transactions, and the formation, operation, and governance of family trust and retail trust companies.

Mr. Armstrong also has extensive experience in the areas of charitable giving, tax-exempt organizations, and state and local taxation, including the Nevada Commerce Tax. He has more than forty years of legal experience serving clients as an attorney, and as a non-practicing certified public accountant.

2021 was the fifth consecutive year that Mr. Armstrong was ranked as only one of two Band 1 attorneys in Nevada in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide for Private Wealth Law.

“Armstrong is especially notable for his work on the establishment and administration of Nevada-based private trust companies. He totally understands all aspects of finance and deal structures, and is a well-recognized expert in the area of high net worth trust construction, wills and estate planning.” “He is highly knowledgeable and skilled, and is known and respected by estate regulators.” “He is very smart, organized and creative, a good communicator and very good at articulating complex concepts.”

– Chambers High Net Worth Guide for Private Wealth Law, 2020, 2021

Mr. Armstrong is frequently called upon to lecture on topics such as Nevada trust law, family trust companies, and tax matters at national and local seminars and forums. For example, Mr. Armstrong spoke at the Nevada Bankers Association’s 2022 Nevada Trust Conference. He serves on the Trust & Estates Section Legislative Committee of the Nevada State Bar where he is involved in the ongoing modernization of Nevada trust laws.

Mr. Armstrong is a third-generation Nevadan, with family roots going back to Virginia City’s Comstock Lode, and is very active in community and philanthropic endeavors.

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Publications

Chief Author: *Decedent Estates Chapter of the Nevada Civil Practice Manual* (Lexis Nexis Publications) (1990 – 2015)



Awards and Recognition

- *Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent*[®] Rating
- *Chambers High Net Worth Guide*, Band 1, Nevada, Private Wealth Law (2017-2021)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* “Legal Elite” (2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016-2020)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] – Corporate Law (2008-2020), Tax Law (2008-2022), Trusts and Estates Litigation (2011-2022), Nonprofit / Charities Law (2013-2022), Business Organizations (2020-2022), Trusts and Estates (1997-2022)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] “Lawyer of the Year” – Reno, Trusts and Estates Litigation (2014, 2019)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] “Lawyer of the Year” – Reno, Tax Law (2016, 2019)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] “Lawyer of the Year” – Reno, Non-Profit/Charities Law (2015, 2017)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] “Lawyer of the Year” – Reno, Corporate Law (2010, 2015)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] “Lawyer of the Year” – Reno, Trusts and Estates (2014)
- *Super Lawyers Magazine* – “Mountain States Super Lawyer” in Estate Planning & Probate, Business/Corporate, Real Estate, Tax (2007-2021)



Professional Associations

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (also served as state chairman)
- Fellow, American College of Tax Counsel
- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Nevada Fellow of the American Bar Foundation



Community Engagement

- Emeritus Trustee, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation
- Former Chair, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Investment Committee
- Co-Founder and Trustee Emeritus, Community Foundation of Western Nevada
- Former Trustee and Past President, Catholic Community Services of Northern Nevada
- Director and Past President, Athletic Association University of Nevada
- Former Director and Past President, Reno Philharmonic Association

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