

# BROWN & STREZA

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### Derek Early

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#### RELATED PRACTICES

Business Tax Planning  
Business Representation  
Real Estate Transactions  
Mergers & Acquisitions



#### BIO

Derek Early represents businesses and high-net-worth individuals regarding business and real estate matters. He also regularly collaborates with the firm's estate planning attorneys and outside advisors to execute complex transactions. Derek is Board Certified in Taxation Law by the State Bar of California.

Derek performs general counsel work for numerous privately held companies, and frequently counsels these clients regarding matters such as organizational structure, financing, risk management, and compliance. Much of his time is devoted to helping business owners develop and execute exit and succession plans to meet their personal, tax, and operational objectives.

Regarding real estate, Derek has represented both landlords and tenants in numerous lease negotiations, and he frequently assists clients with sales transactions and financings. Much of his extensive experience has involved commercial shopping centers, but he also regularly deals with industrial, office, multi-family, and rental properties. He often assists clients with developing strategies to address property tax and income tax issues relating to their real estate.

Before joining Brown & Streza LLP, he litigated numerous business disputes and employment issues, providing him with an understanding of clients' risks and concerns relating to the litigation process.

During law school, Derek was a Managing Editor for the Indiana Law Journal and President of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society.

In 2000, Derek won an Ivy League Championship as a member of the University of Pennsylvania's football team.

## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, cum laude, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2005-2008

Bachelor of Arts, University of Pennsylvania, 1999-2003

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

**Board Certified in Taxation Law**, February 1, 2023

Certified Specialist in Taxation Law (California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization)

**2018 "Southern California SuperLawyers - Rising Star"**

Published by *Los Angeles* magazine and *The Journal for Law & Politics*. Only 2.5% of lawyers under the age of 40 and/or in their first 10 years of practice in Los Angeles and Orange Counties receive this honor.

## MEDIA MENTIONS

**Forbes**, October 16, 2018

"Using An Intentional Defective Irrevocable Trust (IDIT) To Gift Your Family Business",  
Primary source for technical information related to IDIT and briefly quoted

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**Prudential Irvine Office**, Irvine, California, June 19, 2018

Avoiding Business Planning Mistakes Using Life and Disability Insurance and Other Techniques

**2018 Agents Helping Agents (AHA) Conference**, Hotel Irvine, Irvine, California, March 30, 2018

Using Life and Disability Insurance for Business Planning

**Exit Planning Institute SoCal Chapter Meeting**, The Center Club Costa Mesa, June 1, 2017

Family Business Divorce

**CalCPA Study Group Breakfast**, Marie Calender's, Anaheim, California, September 22, 2016

Buy-Sell Agreements

**Morgan Stanley Seminar**, The Canaletto Ristorante, Newport Beach, California, June 28, 2016

Avoid the 6 Mistakes that Business Owners Make

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**State Bar of California**: Member

**American Bar Association**: Member

**FUSION**: Past Host/Member

**Athletes Touch (Professional Networking Community of Former College and Professional Athletes)**: Host/Member