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### Dustin I. Nichols

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#### RELATED PRACTICES

Integrated Exemption Planning

#### BIO

Dustin I. Nichols is a partner with the Orange County, California law firm of Brown & Streza LLP, where he counsels business owners on integrated corporate, estate and exemption planning. For over 25 years, Dustin has been providing clients with comprehensive domestic and foreign integrated estate and business planning strategies and structures, including retirement planning for business owners.

Prior to joining Brown & Streza, as a sole practitioner, Dustin focused on integrated estate, business, and exemption planning with an emphasis on retirement planning for business owners. Dustin is a Distinguished Faculty Member for Lorman Education Services, a national provider of continuing legal education seminars, and often speaks on the topic of integrated planning. Dustin was one of the original Legal Technicians/Inventors that developed the proprietary Private Retirement Trust ("PRT") solution, and administration support platform in California.

Dustin has been published in such law publications as The Orange County Lawyer and conducts private seminars for large CPA firms and financial professionals on the PRT, and integrated exemption planning. Dustin received his Juris Doctor from Western State University College of Law after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in political science from California State University, Northridge. He is a Member of the California State Bar, is certified before the U.S. Tax Court, and is licensed to practice before the United States District Courts in the Eastern and Central Districts of California.

Dustin is married with four teenagers. Having played and coached football for many years, every day begins with weight training to create a winning mindset to better serve his clients.

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Brown & Streza LLP, Irvine, California: Partner, 2021-Present

The Law Office of Dustin I. Nichols, A Professional Corporation, Newport Beach, California: Managing Attorney, 1996-2020

Eber & Nichols, LLP, A Law Corporation, Irvine, California: Partner, 2009-2013

Juris Doctor, Western State University College of Law, Fullerton, California, 1995

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, California State University, Northridge, California, 1991

Admissions:

United State District Court for the Central District of California

United State District Court for the Eastern District of California

## **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

**Certified before the United States Tax Court**

**Lorman Education Services:** Distinguished Faculty Member

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**The Orange County Register**, October 2017

Co-author, "The 'use it or lose it' creditor exemption for retirement in California"

**OCBA OC Lawyer Magazine**, November 2000

Co-author, "Estate Planning in the Eleventh Hour"

**Asset Protection Strategies and Forms** (James Publishing)

Co-author, Third – Fifth Editions

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**WealthCounsel Symposium**, Hollywood, California, 2017

Featured Speaker, Exemption Transfer Planning: New Opportunities in an Era of Emerging Challenges in Asset Protection Planning

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**The State Bar of California:** Member

**California Lawyers Association, Trusts & Estates Section:** Member

**Orange County Bar Association:** Member

**S.C. Trojans Elite Youth Football Club:** Youth Football Coach (14-15 year old boys), 2012-2020

**Saddleback Valley Blue Bears Pop Warner:** Assistant Coach, 2014-2019