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RELATED PRACTICES

Business Tax Planning
Business Representation
Real Estate Transactions
Mergers & Acquisitions

BIO

Brian T. Stephens is a corporate and transactional business attorney with the Orange County, California law firm of Brown and Streza, LLP, and is a member of the firm's business planning department. Brian is known for his practical approach to the practice of law, and regularly serves as outside general counsel to many of his clients, assisting them in defining and executing strategic legal planning, setting the stage for continued growth, and in some cases, planning the exit strategy.

Brian's practice emphasizes legal counseling to a broad array of privately held businesses and their owners and executives, as well as other professionals, in all aspects of purchase and sale transactions, the structuring, organization and maintenance of legal entities, and a wide variety of business agreements and corporate governance matters. In this role, Brian regularly assists clients with the purchase and sale of business interests and assets, related financing transactions, entity selection issues, preparation and review of business contracts, implementing incentive compensation planning, succession planning, and legal compliance.

In addition, Brian advises and coordinates efforts which are instrumental in providing clients with the benefits incident to comprehensive estate and tax planning which seeks to efficiently defer and/or minimizes capital gain, and estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

Brian believes that a client's objectives are best achieved by taking a team approach with a client's advisor team, and regularly works with accountants, brokers, appraisers, and financial advisors to ensure that client objectives are accomplished in a coordinated and efficient manner.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Brown & Streza LLP, Irvine, California: Attorney, 2017-Present

Stephens & Kray, Newport Beach, California: Attorney, 2013-2017

Stephens & Carter, LLP, Newport Beach, California: Attorney, 2012-2013

Stephens & Kray, Newport Beach, California: Attorney, 2008-2012

Juris Doctor, Pepperdine University School of Law, 2008

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Berkeley, 2003

Admissions:

All California State Courts

United State District Court for the Central District of California

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Business Law Section, California State Bar Association: Member

Orange County Bar Association: Member