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BIO

Richard Streza is the managing partner of the law firm Brown & Streza, LLP. Richard is a business planning attorney working exclusively with closely held businesses and their owners. He exclusively counsels business owners with respect to the appropriate business structure taxation, risk management, and internal operational management. Richard sits on a variety of advisory boards, board of directors for numerous companies, as well as management committees for some of the firm's larger clients.

For thirteen consecutive years Richard has been included on the "Southern California Super Lawyer" list by *Los Angeles* Magazine – a distinction recognizing only 5% of the attorneys in Southern California (excluding San Diego).

Recognized for his deep technical expertise in the areas of taxation, risk management, insurance and management incentive planning, Richard counsels business owners on business structures to accomplish their growth, operational plans and succession plans. Since Richard counsels with in excess of 500 business owners each year (and has for over 30 years), he constantly receives feedback on the benefits and detriments of different legal and incentive techniques. His experience of engaging in this process over the last 30+ years provides a wealth of wisdom into how to use the right structures and techniques at the right time. He also routinely speaks to various organizations on these topics.

Richard received his undergraduate degree in history from the University of Colorado and his Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University. Richard and Dave Brown have been partners at Brown & Streza in excess of 30 years working to benefit their business and estate planning clients, building Brown & Streza into a recognized business and estate and tax planning law firm in Orange County.

Richard lives in Rancho Carrillo, California in the middle of the Cleveland National Forest on a mini ranch with his wife Nancy. His two daughters are grown, but he loves to spend time with them and his grandchildren. Richard is an active member of his community and pastors the local community church. Richard also is an active, instrument rated pilot and periodically returns to Colorado where he reconnects with family and his ranching roots.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Brown and Streza, LLP, Irvine, California: Partner, 1984–present

Juris Doctorate, Pepperdine University, 1982

Bachelor of Arts, History, University of Colorado, 1978

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2010 - 2022 "Southern California Super Lawyer"
Published by *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine, *The New York Times* (Los Angeles and Orange County distribution), *Los Angeles* magazine and *The Journal for Law & Politics*. Only 5% of the attorneys in Southern California (excluding San Diego) receive this prestigious honor.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Merrill Lynch Office, Newport Beach, California, December 19, 2018
Co-presenter, Unified Approach to Business and Personal Planning

Hart King Office, Santa Ana, California, September 20, 2016
Co-presenter, Realizing Wealth Through Effective Estate Planning

Exit Planning Institute, Costa Mesa, California, February 4, 2016
The 5 Mistakes that Business Owners Make When Selling Their Business, and How to Avoid Them

2014 AHA Conference, San Diego, California, March 13-14, 2014
Succession Planning for Closely Held Businesses

2013 Wine Country Accounting & Tax Symposium, Temecula, California, November 2, 2013
Structuring Your Business in 2013

Citizens Business Bank Client Seminar, Irvine, California, June 6, 2013
Real Estate Structural Planning/How to Minimize Taxes for Current Income and Future Capital Gains

Prudential Financial Office, Irvine, California
Business Succession Planning, November 6, 2009
Choice of Business Entities & Buy-Sell Agreements, July 24, 2009
Continuing education presentations delivered to insurance agents and financial planners

Singer Lewak Office, Irvine, California, October 7, 2008
Succession Planning for Contractors
Client-centered presentation delivered to CPAs and business owners

Signature Resources Group, Irvine, California
Exiting Your Business Without Taxing Yourself, June 2, 2008
Buy-Sell Agreements, May 5, 2008
Choice of Business Entities, April 4, 2008
Continuing education presentation delivered to insurance agents and financial planners

California Society of CPAs, Orange County/Long Beach Chapter Financial Planning Interest Group, June 21, 2007
Business Succession Planning
Continuing education presentation delivered to CPAs

Financial Planning Association of Orange County Chapter, Irvine, California, May 16, 2007
Basic Business Entities
Exiting Your Business Without Taxing Yourself

Continuing education presentation delivered to CPAs and financial planners

Frequent seminars presented to attorneys, CPA, and financial planners on business planning and tax planning

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Orange County Bar Association, Business Law Section: Member
American Bar Association: Member
California Bar Association: Member
Segerstrom Center for the Arts Business Leadership Committee: Member