

# BROWN | STREZA



## RICHARD E. STREZA

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Business Succession Planning      Mergers & Acquisitions  
Business Tax Planning              Real Estate Transactions  
Business Representation

## ABOUT

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 succession planning. 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 fifteen 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, 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 40 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 40+ 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 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 also is an instrument rated pilot and periodically returns to Colorado where he reconnects with family and his ranching roots. Richard is an elder at Redeemer Church of Orange County in Newport Beach.

## 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 - 2024 “**Southern California Super Lawyer**”

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Dick has been a frequent speaker to attorneys, CPAs, and financial planners on business planning and tax planning. Such groups include: California Society of CPAs, Orange County/Long Beach Chapter Financial Planning Interest Group, Financial Planning Association of Orange County Chapter, as well as various banks and CPA firms.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Orange County Bar Association, Business Law Section – Member

American Bar Association – Member

California Bar Association – Member

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts Business Leadership Committee – Past Member