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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Tax Planning

Income Tax Planning

Ultra-High-Net-Worth Planning

Business Succession Planning

ABOUT

Steven is a tax attorney who specializes in tax planning for business owners and real estate investors, covering areas such as mergers and acquisitions, like-kind exchanges of real estate, general business tax planning, ultra-high-net-worth tax and estate planning, as well as other federal and state tax matters.

While enrolled in Brigham Young University's highly-ranked accounting program, Steven worked as a tax intern for Ernst & Young LLP in Washington, D.C., which sparked his interest in the legal side of the tax world. This experience ultimately led him to earn joint Master of Accounting and Juris Doctor degrees. Steven enjoys helping clients find creative solutions to problems through his work as a tax attorney.

Outside of work, Steven loves spending time outdoors with his wife and four kids and serving in the community. An avid sports fan and Orange County native, he always finds time to cheer for the Angels, as well as his beloved BYU Cougars. Steven is also passionate about all things India, where he served as a missionary for two years.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Brown & Streza, LLP, Irvine, California

Senior Associate, 2025-Present

Associate, 2021-2025

Fennemore Craig, P.C., Phoenix, Arizona

Attorney, 2019-2021

Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere, Salt Lake City, Utah

Attorney, 2018-2019

Lowthorp, Richards, McMillan, Miller, & Templeman, Oxnard, California

Attorney, 2016-2018

Ernst & Young, Los Angeles, California

Tax Attorney, 2014-2016

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, **Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School**, Provo, 2014

Master of Science, Accounting, **Brigham Young University**, Provo, 2014

Bachelor of Science, Accounting, **Brigham Young University**, Provo, 2014

Licensed to practice law in Arizona (inactive), California, and Utah (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2023 - 2025 "Southern California SuperLawyers - Rising Star"

2021 Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch

PUBLICATIONS

Orange County Lawyer, November 2025

- Author, Qualified Small Business Stock: A Tax Home Run (and Possibly a Grand Slam) for Qualifying Tax Payers That Gets Even Better Under the New Tax Bill

Orange County Lawyer, June 2025

- Author, Real Estate in S Corporations: How Modern MacGyvers Can Save Clients from a Ticking Tax Time-Bomb

Orange County Lawyer, December 2024

- Author, Hitting the Tax Trifecta: Estate, Income, and Property Tax Minimization for Clients With California Real Estate

Orange County Lawyer, November 2023

- Co-author, 1031 Delayed Exchanges: Avoiding Common Traps

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Orange County Bar Association – Member

Camarillo Rotary Club Sunrise – Former Member

The State Bar of California – Member

The State Bar of Arizona – Member (inactive)

Utah State Bar – Member (inactive)