



## CHRISTIAN J. MATOZZO

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Religious Institutions

Nonprofit Organizations

Philanthropist Representation

## ABOUT

Christian Matozzo is a religious nonprofit attorney based in South Bend, Indiana. Christian is admitted to practice law in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming and is not based in or licensed to practice law in the State of California. His California activities are supervised by members of the Firm who are licensed to practice law in the State of California.

Christian's practice is dedicated to serving religious tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and churches nationwide. Christian helps his clients navigate the increasingly complex world of compliance with federal, state, and local laws related to corporate formation, corporate governance, and tax-exempt status, and charitable solicitation, ensuring that all exemptions crafted for religious organizations are considered and obtained for the organization at the outset. Through his practice, Christian aims to give his clients the necessary peace of mind and freedom that organization leadership requires to focus on advancing the core mission of their organization without encountering compliance issues in the future.

Christian also specializes in the formation and operation of "scholarship granting organizations," donations to which qualify for specialized tax credits in participating states and provide scholarships to students attending elementary and secondary schools. Christian is working to form and qualify scholarship granting organizations under the provisions of both the Education Freedom Tax Credit and relevant state tax credit laws so that they are able to comply with all applicable rules and regulations for both federal and state tax credit programs in advance of the launch of the EFTC on January 1, 2027. Christian can assist interested parties on how to properly form, qualify, and operate a scholarship granting organization so that donations qualify for applicable tax credits for use to support school choice and student educational opportunities in the state where it operates.

Prior to joining Brown & Streza, Christian worked at a law firm where he primarily helped form and represent nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations that sought to engage in litigation against local government entities. As part of his practice, Christian was frequently called upon to attend government meetings and make statements to local media to ensure that his client's interests were properly presented.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Christian received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Temple University and received a law degree cum laude from Temple University's Beasley School of Law. For his final year of law school, Christian was a Visiting Student at Notre Dame Law School, where he participated in the

Religious Liberty Initiative (now the Lindsay and Matt Moroun Religious Liberty Clinic) Religious Organizations Lab class. As part of the Religious Organizations Lab class, Christian provided pro bono legal assistance and counsel to a religious organization that sought to form a new nonprofit corporation and receive integrated auxiliary status from the IRS.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

**Brown & Streza LLP**, Irvine, California  
Attorney, 2024-Present

**Anderson, Agostino & Keller P.C.**, South Bend, Indiana  
Attorney, 2023

**St. Joseph County Superior Court**, South Bend, Indiana  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Mark P. Telloyan, 2022-2023

Visiting Student, **Notre Dame Law School, University of Notre Dame**, South Bend, Indiana, 2022

Juris Doctor, cum laude, **Beasley School of Law, Temple University**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2022

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, **Temple University**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2017

Licensed to practice law in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming

## PUBLICATIONS

Napa Legal Institute All-Access Library, January 24, 2024

- Co-Author with Pat Piccolo, Informing Religious Organizations on Making Wise Land Use Decisions

Napa Legal Institute All-Access Library, December 9, 2024

- How Religious Nonprofits Can Best Plan to Accept Noncash Charitable Contributions

Revista General De Derecho Canónico Y Derecho Eclesiástico Del Estado, 57, 2021

- Co-Author with Prof. Thomas C. Berg and Carolyn McDonnell, Conscience Rights and the Taking of Life in the United States

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Napa Legal Institute All-Access Round Table, March 10, 2026

- Co-Presenter, Charitable Solicitation

Napa Legal Institute, July 23, 2025

- Co-Presenter, Nonprofit Legal Issues That May Not Keep You Up at Night, but Should

Notre Dame Church Properties Initiative Conference , Notre Dame, Indiana, September 17, 2024

- Moderator, Canon and Civil Legal Considerations for Church Property Stewards

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

St. Thomas More Society of South Bend – President

Napa Legal Institute – Good Counselor Fellow (2023)

Knights of Columbus Council 1878 Mishawaka, Indiana – Member

Catholic Bar Association – Member