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2024 Speaker Series

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2024 Registration Details

An email registration will be sent to members prior to each event.

All members (and guests*) must RSVP for each speaker.

Location: The Journey Museum (222 New York St.)
Gallery Room

Time: 11:00am Networking Lunch
11:30am—1:00pm Speaker Presentation

2024 Executive Committee

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Guest Attendance

*New for the 2024 season, each member is permitted 1 free guest attendance with registration by member.

Additionally, members are permitted to bring 2 guests during the season for \$30 per guest to be paid by cash or check at the door.

Members must RSVP for their guests.

Any individual guest may attend a maximum of 2 seminars per year before joining as a member.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Life Insurance Strategies to Enhance Estate Plans

Presented by:

Greg Holmgren,
CFP, CLU, ChFC, CAP

Head of Insurance & Estate Planning



Biography

Greg Holmgren is the Head of Insurance & Estate Planning for Freedom Financial Partners, a Registered Investment Advisor, located in St Paul, MN. There he works with the firm's wealthy clients and business owners to help them achieve their specific financial goals. He started with Freedom Financial after his retirement from New York Life Insurance Company at the end of 2023, after a 38-year career.

At New York Life, he was most recently the Advanced Agent Development Officer. He led a team that worked with top agents, their clients and their clients' professional advisors to enable these clients to overcome planning obstacles and achieve their specific financial goals. Greg and his team focused on creating and shaping the strategies that helped New York Life agents communicate with business owners and high net worth individuals; and design persuasive insurance-based planning solutions.

As a sought-after platform speaker, Greg still speaks to audiences around the country on financial strategies and key planning issues that can impact their lives.

With over 40 years of insurance industry experience, he brings a wealth of insightful and relevant knowledge to every situation. Greg holds a B.A. degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. He and his wife, Susan, live in Wichita, KS.

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Local Panel: How to Talk to Your Clients About Charitable Giving

Jeff Partridge
LPL Financial Advisor
Partridge Financial
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Michelle Minnerath, CPA
Partner
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Patrick G. Goetzinger
Attorney
Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson and
Ashmore, LLP
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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

The Private Family Trust Company, Directed Trusts and Other Powerful Alternatives

Presented by:

Mr. Al King

Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, South Dakota Trust Company, LLC and SDTC Related Companies



Biography

Al W. King III is the Co-Founder, Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of South Dakota Trust Company LLC (SDTC) and SDTC Related Companies with offices in South Dakota, New York, Wyoming, Nevada and Westport, CT. SDTC is a national trust boutique serving wealthy families from 54 countries and 47 states. SDTC currently has more than \$140 billion in assets under administration.

Mr. King was previously Managing Director and National Director of Estate Planning for Citigroup. Mr. King was also the Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of Citicorp Trust South Dakota. Mr. King also previously served as Director of Financial and Estate Planning for Coopers and Lybrand in Stamford, Connecticut.

Mr. King is the Co-Vice Chairman of the Editorial Board of *Trusts & Estates* Magazine. He has been a member of the Editorial Board for over 30 years. Mr. King has been inducted into the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC) *Estate Planning Hall of Fame* as an Accredited Estate Planner (AEP), Distinguished. Mr. King previously served on the Board of Directors for NAEPC and is the Former Chairman of the NAEPC Foundation Advisory Board. He is currently a member of both the NAEPC webinar and publications committees. He is also a member of several groups and organizations including the Society of Trust and Estate Professionals (STEP), the International Association of Advisors in Philanthropy (AiP), New York Philanthropic Advisors Network (NYPAN), Fairfield County and New York City Estate Planning Councils, etc. In addition, he is frequently published and quoted by several publications on various Estate Planning topics and addresses several professional organizations, special interest groups, and general audiences on the subject of estate and trust planning.

Mr. King received a Bachelor of Arts cum laude from Holy Cross College, a Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law and an LL.M. in Tax Law from Boston University School of Law. Mr. King is a resident of Westport, CT.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

***Top 30 Best Practices
When Advising Families
with Special Needs
Beneficiaries***

Presented by:

Kristen M. Lewis, Esq.
The Atlanta office of Harrison, LLP
Atlanta, Georgia



Biography

Ms. Lewis is nationally recognized for her proficiency in Special Needs Trust planning for persons challenged by disabilities and is a frequent speaker and author on this topic. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and an active member of the Special Needs Alliance, where she has served as Co-Editor of that organization's monthly e-newsletter, The Voice. She is also a member of the American Bar Association, the New York Bar Association Elder Law Section, and the State Bar of Georgia Fiduciary Law Section. She is a former Co-Chair of the Long-Term Care, Medicaid and Special Needs Trusts Committee of the Elder Law, Disability Planning and Bioethics Group of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association. Ms. Lewis is recognized in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide, Private Wealth Law, individual attorney rankings, and is included in the roster of Georgia Super Lawyers in Estate Planning and Probate. Additionally, she is recognized by Best Lawyers in America® in Trusts and Estates.

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

***Estate Tax Exemption
Sunset***

Presented by:

Thomas C. Shaw
Attorney
Forster Boughman



Biography

Thomas Shaw practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and gift taxation, corporate and business law, probate and trust administration, and general real estate. Thom is Board Certified in Wills, Trusts and Estates Law, and he holds the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV-Preeminent.

Thom's corporate and estate planning work led him to recognize that clients often require assistance setting up and operating their business, dealing with real estate matters, and then structuring how to hand off their businesses to management or a family member, and to sort out the personal and tax law issues related to such transactions.

Thom was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1986. From 1998 to 2005, Thom served as General Counsel to an estate and financial planning company, and assisted the attorneys for the firm's clients implement the sophisticated estate planning techniques recommended to them. He is a member of the Taxation Section and the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar. Thom is the President of the Central Florida Estate Planning Council and has previously served as Secretary on its Board of Directors.

Thom received a Juris Doctor Degree, with honors, from the University of Florida College of Law in 1985. He served as an intern in the Natural Resources Policy Unit of the Governor's Office in Tallahassee, Florida, between his law school and undergraduate studies. Thom received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, with honors, with minors in business, chemistry, and biology from Oral Roberts University in 1982.

Thom has lectured on estate planning topics in various venues, including National Business Institute, Volusia/Flagler Medical and Dental Society, New Covenant Church in Winter Springs, Florida, First Baptist Church in Windermere, Florida, and Columbia College in Orlando, Florida.