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CHRIS W. SCOLARI

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Denver
- B.A., University of Kansas

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Trusts & Estates
- Tax Law

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Designed and successfully sought court approval of supplemental needs trust to receive a large judicial personal injury settlement on behalf of a disabled recipient and victim.
- Handled the probate and trust administration of multiple sizable estates, including those left by Colorado philanthropist and Colorado art collectors.
- Assisted in intergenerational transfers of closely held businesses, maintaining company viability and daily operations, while minimizing tax impacts.
- Created tax efficient trust and business ownership plan to facilitate the development of innovative resource extraction company with family ownership.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section, Tax Section
- Denver Bar Association
- Denver Estate Planning Council
- Rocky Mountain Estate Planning Council
- Colorado Attorneys for the Arts

AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers®* Ones to Watch: Trusts and Estates, 2023 – 2024

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Presenter, "Oh, No, You Deedn't – The Real State of Real Estate Fraud in Decedent Estates," Colorado Bar Association Estate Planning Retreat, June 2023
- Co-Presenter, "Comments to the Inflation Reduction Act," Internal Revenue Service, November 2022
- Author, "W. Virginia: Commercial, Economic Impacts & Implications," Colorado Real Estate Journal, October 2022
- Presenter, "Lifetime Retirement Planning" and "Lifetime Financial Planning," 67th Annual Employee Benefits Conference, October 2021
- Co-Author, "Proposed Changes to the Federal Tax Law and Their Potential Impact on Existing Estate Plans," Firm Blog, October 2021

ADMISSIONS

- Colorado