



BELAN K. WAGNER

Belan Kirk Wagner is a taxation and transactional attorney, bringing counsel that navigates the intricacies of both realms with proficiency. With over 40 years of experience in business, taxation, real estate, estate planning, and controversy work, Belan has crafted a unique practice that offers a client-centric approach. This approach ensures each legal solution is as distinctive and personalized as the clients themselves, ranging from business owners and executives to individuals navigating today's multifaceted legal system.

Belan also provides general counsel services to privately held and family-run businesses, offering seasoned guidance informed by more than four decades of tax and transactional experience. Clients rely on him for strategic advice on governance, contract negotiation, operational issues, restructuring, and long-term planning. His practice is grounded in a deep understanding of how tax, business, and financial considerations intersect, enabling him to craft practical, forward-looking solutions that safeguard assets and support growth. Belan serves not only as legal counsel, but as a trusted, steady advisor who helps business owners navigate complexity with confidence.

Belan's practice goes beyond compliance; he creates a legal framework to safeguard his clients' assets. He provides direct representation to clients while also serving as a resource to clients' primary attorneys, accountants, financial advisers, and other representatives. His knowledge is an advantage, offering proactive tax planning and transactional advice that is integrated to protect and maximize financial interests. Belan is a strategic attorney dedicated to your success.

EDUCATION

- LL. M., Taxation, University of Miami
- J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law
- B.A., University of Santa Barbara, *magna cum laude*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Estate and Generational Planning with Emphasis on Business Owners

Mergers, Acquisitions and Business Sales

Partnership, LLC, Corporation and Business Entities

Medical, Legal and Accounting Professional Entities

Agricultural and Ranch Law

Business Controversies

General Counsel to Private Businesses

Business & Finance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Real Estate

Tax Law

Trusts & Estates

Estate Planning

General Counsel Services

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Professor, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate University

Phi Beta Kappa

Member, Traynor Honor Society

Member, Sacramento County Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, State Bar of California

Former Vice Chairman, Executive Committee on Taxation for the State Bar of California

Member, Society of California Accountants

Member, Sacramento County Farm Bureau

Former Member and Editor, McGeorge Pacific Law Journal

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, "[Key considerations and legal requirements when buying and selling boomer-owned businesses](#)," Sacramento Business Journal, August 9, 2024

ADMISSIONS

California Certified Specialist, Taxation Law

Supreme Court State of California

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit