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Michael E. Graham is a California Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, bringing nearly five decades of experience to his practice. Licensed in both California and Nevada, Michael focuses on estate planning, trust and probate administration, alternative dispute resolution, and business succession planning. His work also encompasses business entity formation and real property transactions connected to estate and trust matters.

Michael earned his law degree at the University of California, San Francisco, Hastings College of the Law, has been recognized with Martindale-Hubbell's highest "AV Preeminent" peer review rating, and has served in leadership roles within the Tahoe-Truckee Bar Association, including as President. Deeply involved in his community, he has provided pro bono legal counsel to organizations such as the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, the Tahoe-Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation, the Truckee Donner Land Trust and Friends of the Truckee Library. He has also lectured at Sierra College and has been an active member of the Truckee Rotary Noon Club since 1979, where he is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Before his legal career, Michael served in the U.S. Navy as an air traffic controller from 1968 to 1972 serving at NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and NAS Point Mugu, California. Outside the office, he enjoys golf at Lahontan Golf Club and La Cumbre CC, e-assist biking, skiing, basketball, photography, travel, and the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

EDUCATION

J.D., Hastings Law School, University of California, San Francisco

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Estate Planning

Trusts & Estates

AWARDS AND HONORS

Martindale-Hubbell "AV Preeminent" Peer Review Rating

Previous Northern California Super Lawyer

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Seminar Speaker, Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation

Lecturer, Sierra College, Placer County

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Truckee Rotary Noon Club, 1979-Present

Pro Bono Legal Counsel, Past Incorporator, Tahoe-Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation

Pro Bono Legal Counsel, Truckee Donner Land Trust

Certified Specialist, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of California

Trust and Estate Section Member, State Bar of California

Past President, Board Member and various Officer Positions, Tahoe-Truckee Bar Association

Past Delegate, Conference of Delegates, State Bar of California

ADMISSIONS

California

Nevada

California Supreme Court

Nevada Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District

U.S. District Court, Eastern District

United States Supreme Court