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Of Counsel

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Bob's estate planning counsel is rooted in his experience working for the Internal Revenue Service at the outset of his career. He focuses his practice on both private and corporate income tax issues, and he has extensive knowledge of the Tax Code. Bob works to provide practical, pragmatic advice to his clients who rely on him to help create comprehensive estate and tax advising plans.

For his estate planning clients, Bob handles all aspects of probate and often serves as a counselor and guide to multiple generations of families seeking to protect their legacies. Throughout his career, Bob has worked with family-owned and closely held businesses to develop comprehensive tax minimization strategies. He has particular experience assisting families in the auto dealership space, but also counsels families across an array of industries. One of Bob's career highlights was helping a family-owned hard goods store preserve its legacy plan after its sale to a Fortune 500 company.

Inside the office, Bob frequently partners with his corporate colleagues to provide insights on tax issues related to business formations, mergers and acquisitions, and other general corporate matters. His decades of experience handling complex tax issues make him well qualified to address clients' needs in all areas of corporate law. His experience in corporate law spans industries including electronics sales, printing, electric motor repair, and crane and hauling companies.

Outside the office, Bob has played a significant role in the growth of Project Pave, a Colorado Nonprofit that promotes alternatives to violence through education.

Education

University of Iowa, J.D., *with honors*, 1974
Iowa State University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1969

Bar Admissions

Colorado
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. Tax Court

Practice Areas

Corporate
Tax
Wealth Planning, Trusts, and Estates
Estate and Gift Planning
Probate and Trust Administration
Family Business Succession Planning

Sectors

Automobile Dealerships

Representative Experience

- Represented automobile dealer clients in a variety of legal areas including: tax and finance issues, manufacturer issues, real estate and contract matters, buy-sell agreements, and employment agreements
- Represented buyers and sellers of automobile dealerships
- Counsel to trustees and personal representatives of numerous multi-million dollar trusts and estates involving complex family and closely-held business issues
- Counsel to numerous families of family-owned businesses on estate tax and succession plan issues
- Probated numerous estates, including preparation of Federal Estate Tax returns

Professional Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Project Pave
 - Past President/Board Member

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rated