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Brian is a shareholder in the firm's Estate Planning and Probate Section. He is licensed to practice in the State of Texas and is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Brian Merkley's practice encompasses all areas of estate planning for individuals and businesses. He also represents executors and trustees in probate and trust administration and the settlement of estates.

Brian devotes a significant portion of his practice to creating and implementing estate plans that accomplish key objectives as to the disposition of an individual's estate, while at the same time maximizing credits and exemptions from federal estate and gift taxes. He also counsels clients with respect to their charitable planning goals.

An important element of Brian's practice focuses on assisting high-net worth families, and blended families, in making wealth transfers to family members using testamentary and lifetime strategies. This often includes advising clients in the formation and administration of business entities, including limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations, to provide for asset management and to simplify succession issues.

Brian often is viewed as a go-to resource by litigation attorneys and other tax professionals for various trust and estate matters. He is adept at working collaboratively and explaining the availability and possible effects of sophisticated legal processes pertaining to trusts and estates.

Brian lives in Midland with his wife, Becky. They have a son, Griffin, and two daughters, Blair and Perry.

Areas of Practice

Probate and Estate Planning

Certified Legal Specialties

Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Bar Admissions

Texas

Education

Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

J.D. - 2008

Honors: CALI Academic Achievement – Wills, Trusts and Estates

University of Oklahoma

B.B.A. - 2005

Major: Finance

Classes/Seminars

Estate Planning Update, Midland College Foundation Inc. and the Midland Memorial Foundation, 2016 - Present

Professional Associations and Memberships

State Bar of Texas , Member

Midland County Bar Association , Member

Midland County Young Lawyers Association

Midland/Odessa Business and Estates Council , Member

College of the State Bar of Texas, Member