

Shawna L. Brown, Attorney • President, Law Offices of Shawna L. Brown, P.C.

Drawing from an array of tax, corporate and business experience, Ms. Brown is uniquely qualified to assist you with your family's estate planning needs. She has worked as a Department of Justice tax litigation attorney, an in-house corporate counsel and in private law practice for many years. With her Board Certification credentials and a graduate law degree in taxation, and much practical experience, she brings a broad overview of the law to your situation. Whether you need tax-planned Wills or assistance with funding complex trusts in a probate matter, she can meet your needs. Ms. Brown was recently voted by her estate planning peers as one of the "Best Women Lawyers in Dallas" (D Magazine, May, 2010 edition). She has taught graduate level law school tax courses and frequently lectures to attorneys, accountants and other professionals on estate planning topics.

EDUCATION

- LL.M. (Taxation) degree from New York University School of Law, Graduate Division, 1978
- J.D. degree and B.A. degree from University of Arkansas, 1976 and 1972

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Admitted to State Bar of Arkansas, 1977, and State Bar of Texas, 1983
- Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2007 to present
- Currently serving as an officer of the Estate Planning Council of North Texas for 2009-2010
- Member of the Planned Giving Council of the Parkland Foundation since 2008
- Member of the following professional organizations:
 - Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
 - Dallas Bar Association (Probate, Wills and Trust Section)
 - Collin County Bar Association (Estate Planning/Probate Section)
 - Dallas Estate Planning Council
- Estate Planning Council of North Texas (served on Board of Governors 2008-2010)
- Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1983-1997)
- Chairman, Corporate Tax Committee, Section of Taxation, State Bar of Texas (1987-1989)

EXPERIENCE

- 21 years - Since 2002, I have had my own firm specializing in estate planning and probate/estate administration; experience includes many years at other firms working in estate planning, corporate tax and general business law
- 4 years - U. S. Department of Justice Tax Division, Washington, D.C. and Dallas, Texas (Tax Litigation Attorney)
- 6 years - Assistant General Counsel, Southmark Corporation, Dallas, Texas
- 5 years - Adjunct Professor, Southern Methodist University Law School, teaching Advanced Corporate Tax and Taxation of Mergers and Liquidations in the LL.M. (graduate tax) program (1984-1989)
- 2 years - Part-Time Lecturer, Taxation of Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions, Graduate Accounting Program, University of Texas at Arlington (1982-1983)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- Estate Planning for Non-Citizen Spouses, presented to Estate Planning Section of Denton County Bar Association, November 18, 2009 (also presented to North Texas Estate Planning Council, October 21, 2009; Estate Planning Section of Collin County Bar Association, September 11, 2009, Dallas, Texas; and 24th Annual Advanced Tax Law Course, sponsored by State Bar of Texas, September 28, 2006, Dallas, Texas)
- Estate Planning and Business Succession, presented to The 4th Annual Free CPE Conference, Dallas, Texas, May 2, 2008
- Community Property - Review of General Rules, presented to Solo and Small Firm Section of the

Dallas Bar Association, October 1, 2008 (also presented to North Texas Estate Planning Council, Plano, Texas, January 17, 2007; Collin County Bar Association Estate Planning/Probate Section, July 12, 2007; and Plano Bar Association, October 5, 2007)

- Estate Planning for All Generations, presented to Lennox Masters of the Game Conference, Dallas, Texas, November 6, 2008
- Basic Estate Planning and Asset Protection for Women in Business, quarterly Business Women's Power Lunch, January 31, 2006, Dallas, Texas
- Care and Feeding of Life Insurance Trusts, presented to Texas Society of CPA's, 2003 Advanced Estate Planning Conference, Austin, Texas, August 22, 2003

PERSONAL

- Born Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1952; two sons in college at Oklahoma University and Colorado State; interests include long-distance running, movies, and taking in "rescue" dogs