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Professional Biography

“Jim” is a *Trust and Estate Specialist*, certified by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of Arizona, and a Director and Shareholder (Partner) of Fennemore Craig, P.C. He leads the firm’s Family Office & Private Client attorneys, a specialized group of advisors providing multidisciplinary resources and bespoke solutions for sensitive and pressing family concerns, values-based wealth transfer, and business succession. His areas of practice include estate planning, business design and structuring, and commercial transactions, including tax planning, corporate, partnership, LLC, real estate, and international matters. He also advises trustees and executors on their fiduciary responsibilities in the administration and distribution of trusts and probate estates.

James is an author and a frequent lecturer on estate planning, tax, and probate issues. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Arizona (SBA), and the Utah State Bar. He is also a peer-elected member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and has served as Chair of the SBA’s *Probate and Trust Executive Council*, Chair of the SBA’s *Estate and Trust Advisory Commission*, and is a member of the ABA’s *national committee* on Estate and Gift Taxes (Taxation Section). Jim is listed in *Chambers HNW Advisors*, *Southwest Super Lawyers*, and in *Best Lawyers in America* (Tax and Trusts & Estates). He was named by Best Lawyers (Arizona) as *Lawyer of the Year* for Trusts & Estates in 2017, 2021, and prospectively 2024, and for *Tax Law* in 2023. He also serves on various boards or committees of local charitable organizations.

Jim received a bachelors degree in business management from Brigham Young University, with distinction as the top business school graduate in the area of entrepreneurship. He also earned a business composite minor (Accounting and Economics), and a minor in Spanish. He graduated *with honors* in 1996 from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU, and served on the Editorial Board of the *BYU Law Review*.