

OF COUNSEL

Frank Groundwater

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Of Counsel Frank Groundwater brings more than 30 years of committed legal advocacy to the Business, Trusts & Estates and Real Estate practice groups of Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK). Frank's clients look to him for trusted and effective legal advice on their complex business and real estate transactions, taxable estate planning, will and trust drafting, probate and trust administration, and tax matters.

Prior to joining BBK, Frank had his own law practice in Bend, OR, where he provided legal counsel on estate planning and commercial and residential real estate matters. He spent most of his legal career with Fristoe, Taylor & Schultz, Ltd, PS, in Olympia, Washington where he focused on estate planning, probate and trust administration, and real estate.

Active in the community, Frank served as the president of the board of directors for BendFilm, which promotes the transformative power of independent cinema in Bend and the surrounding area. For 16 years, Frank used his legal background to handle unclaimed and indigent decedents of Thurston County on a pro bono basis. He also directed the Thurston County Bar Association's "Adopt-A-Family Program", a program benefitting the county's families in need.

He lives with his wife and daughter in Bend, where he indulges his passions for live music, his dogs, cooking, skiing, fly fishing and tending to his bees.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Central Oregon Estate Planning Counsel
- Deschutes County Bar Association
- Thurston County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Oregon State Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association
- Former Judge Pro-Tem (ad hoc), Thurston County District Court
- Former President, Board of Directors, BendFilm

CORE PRACTICES

Business
Trusts & Estates
Real Estate

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Willamette University College of Law, J.D.
Golden Gate University, M.S., taxation
Washington State University, B.A., business administration

Bar Admissions

Oregon
Washington

- Former Pro Bono Counsel, unclaimed and indigent decedents, Thurston County
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Thought Leadership

Publications

- “Estate Planning in Interesting Times,” Cascade Business News, May 2009
- “Protecting Your Children – Estate Planning Essentials,” True North Magazine, Oct/Nov 2009

Presentations

- Presenter, Commercial Real Estate Seminar, Central Oregon Realtors Association, April 2009
- Presenter, Foreclosure Road Map Seminar, Central Oregon Realtors Association, November 2008