

# BRANDON L. BLAKELY

Brandon Blakely is an associate who works out of Fennemore's Phoenix office in the firm's Trusts & Estates practice group. His work focuses on drafting complex estate plans and fiduciary documents, preparing trust and probate petitions and developing strategies for fiduciary litigation, as well as completing gift and estate tax filings and trusts accountings. He's also adept at counseling clients on tax planning and anticipating potential changes in tax laws, as well as preserving assets through coordinated estate plan transactions, business succession tactics and entity formation.

Originally from Torrance, California, Brandon's approach to his life and career has had a very non-linear, non-traditional approach, but with a guiding north star valuing education, while helping others. After graduating from college at Arizona State University, he worked for two years as a Child Services Specialist for the State of Arizona. Then, while completing his Master's of Science in Education at the University of Kansas, he served as an Assistant Complex Director in the university's Department of Housing, assisting students with a diversity of human services issues. Brandon ended up in Minnesota where he worked as a Residence Director, adjudicating and managing ongoing cases for the residence hall hearing process, which ultimately led him to pursuing a career in the legal profession. He then earned his J.D. at the University of Minnesota Law School. To this day, Brandon relishes the mentally challenging nature of being a lawyer, with the ability to help his clients solve their problems.

Outside of work, Brandon, his wife and their young son enjoy spending time with their "village," a great group of family and friends in the Valley of the Sun. Brandon also plays hockey and as a huge sports fan, he faithfully follows ASU's teams and the Los Angeles Lakers.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Minnesota Law School
- M.S., University of Kansas
- B.A., Arizona State University

## ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota
- Arizona

# Scott Erickson

## Frazer Ryan Goldberg & Arnold LLP

Scott Erickson's clients benefit from his devotion of time and effort in learning and understanding their circumstances, needs and objectives.

Scott Erickson is an AV Preeminent-rated Certified Specialist in Estate and Trust Law, a Best Lawyers® honoree, and a past chair of the State Bar of Arizona's Estate and Trust Advisory Commission, which assists the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization in the certification of estate and trust law practitioners.

A senior partner in the firm, Scott has an estate planning practice encompassing asset protection planning, business succession planning, charitable gift planning, pre-marital planning, probate and trust administration, business formation, and the purchase/sale of interests in family owned entities.

Scott's clients benefit from his:

- attention to ongoing tax developments and planning opportunities
- devoting the time and effort necessary to learn and understand each client's circumstances, needs and objectives
- educating clients about the available options
- working closely with clients and their advisors to design and implement sound and specifically tailored strategies.

Effecting tax-efficient wealth transfers is an objective shared by many of Scott's clients, but he is frequently called upon to help clients achieve other goals as well, such as reducing exposure to future creditor claims, preserving a family business or legacy, promoting a religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational cause, making lifetime and/or testamentary transfers to minor or disabled beneficiaries (or trusts for their benefit), and planning for incapacity.

Scott also represents and advises fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and creditors in estate and trust matters.

# Sarah H. Singer

Sarah Heisler Singer is an Estate Planning Attorney at Gadarian & Cacy, PLLC. She grew up in Tucson and is a graduate of University High School, in Tucson, AZ. Sarah attended college at Tulane University, in New Orleans, LA, where she earned degrees in finance and accounting and graduated *summa cum laude*. After working on Wall Street and as a business consultant, she attended the Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School in New York City and is admitted to practice law in both Arizona and New York. Since returning to Tucson, Sarah has volunteered with various organizations. In 2016, Sarah was named as the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona's Young Woman of the Year. She has participated in Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona's Young Woman's Cabinet, volunteered with the Jewish Community Foundation, is immediate Past Chair of the Tucson JCC's Board of Directors, and is a member of the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona's Board of Directors. Sarah is also the incoming Chair of the Arizona State Bar's Probate and Trust Executive Council and a member of the Tax Executive Council. Outside of work, Sarah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, watching her kids participate in the activities they love (swimming, horses, and golf), and traveling.