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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Law
- Estate Planning
- Real Estate Transactions

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, 1994
- B.S., University of Utah, Business Management, 1991

ADMISSION

- Utah State Bar
- California State Bar
- United States Tax Court
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah

ABOUT

Shirlene Bastar brings a wealth of real-world business experience to her practice, focusing primarily on customized estate planning for high-net-worth individuals and small business owners with complex, multi-faceted legal needs.

While practicing law in Utah and California for over 25 years, Shirley has cultivated a loyal list of clients who rely heavily on her unique expertise. Her expertise includes a wide variety of corporate and real estate transactional work, business entity formations, long-range planning, employment agreements, contracts, real estate transactions, commercial leases, asset purchases and sales, and real estate development and financing.

In addition to practicing law, Shirlene built a previous successful commercial investment real estate company and has her license in California and Utah.

Born and raised in Salt Lake City, Shirlene is an active member of her local community. She has served as Vice President of the Sugarhouse Rotary Association and endowment chair for the Rotary District Foundation. She worked closely with a broad range of community groups to provide assistance, support, and fundraising efforts. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Realms of Inquiry, a private school in Salt Lake City. Shirlene enjoys cooking, entertaining, traveling, and spending time with her husband and two children.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- American Bar Association – (Real Property, Probate, Trust & Business Law Sections)
- WealthCounsel, LLC – Estate Planning Association, Founding Member
- WealthCounsel, LLC, State Forum Leader, 2009–2014
- Salt Lake Estate Planning Council (Real Property, Probate, and Estate Planning Sections)
- Salt Lake Estate Planning Council Board Member 2013–2015
- Sonoma County Bar Association
- Licensed Real Estate Broker, Utah, and California

EXPERIENCE

- Estate Planning; integrating both asset protection and tax reduction. Specializing in Revocable Living Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, Limited Partnerships, Charitable Trusts and Foundations, Asset Protection Trusts, and other advanced planning strategies for individuals and couples, including same-sex partner planning.
- Business Planning; including analysis of business use and tax consequences of various business structures. Her

practice includes business entity formation (corporations, professional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and other entities), long-term planning and business succession strategies, asset and stock purchase plans, employee incentive plans, employer/employee agreements, contract review, and drafting.

- Real Estate Transaction; including purchase and sale of commercial and residential properties, homeowners' associations, commercial and residential properties, real estate developments, commercial and residential leases, option agreements, and Section 1031 exchanges.