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Neil Solarz counsels his clients on estate planning, wealth transfer and estate and trust administration. Applying over 30 years of experience and an empathetic, caring approach, Neil focuses on getting to know his clients, their families, business dealings and concerns. His clients appreciate this effort, as it helps Neil drive consensus among family members during the planning phases and reduces the emotional stress common to estate and trust administration.

In addition to being certified in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization, Neil has significant experience in business transactions. As a result, business owners commonly seek Neil's advice regarding business succession and wealth planning strategies. Neil finds that his knowledge of business transactions combined with his specialization in estate planning and trust administration generates creative and effective solutions for his clients.

For over 10 years, Neil has taught Estate and Gift Taxation and Estate Planning at UCLA Extension. He also is a frequent lecturer on a wide range of topics in estate planning and trust administration. He has been a speaker for the Continuing Education of the Bar, National Business Institute and the USC Trust and Estate Conference, among others. Not only does Neil enjoy sharing knowledge as an instructor, it keeps him at the forefront of recent developments and cutting edge planning options.

- Estate Planning
- Wealth Transfer Planning
- Estate and Trust Administration

Education

- J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 1977
 - » Honors: *magna cum laude*
- B.A., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 1974
 - » Honors: *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Certification

- Certified Specialist – Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law, The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California, 1977
- U.S. District Court Central District of California, 1978
- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 1979

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Beverly Hills Bar Association: 1996 - Present
- Los Angeles County Bar Association: 1997 – Present

Honors & Awards

- "The Best Lawyers in America," **Best Lawyers**, 2014-2016
- "AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 / 5.0" Peer Review Rated and Client Rating, **Martindale-Hubbell**
- "Southern California Super Lawyers," **Super Lawyers®**, 2004 – 2016
- "Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers," **Super Lawyers®**, 2009 – 2011, 2015-2016

Notable Speaking Engagements

- *Estate & Gift Tax*, **UCLA Extension**, 1998 – Present
- *Estate Planning*, **UCLA Extension**, 2002– Present
- "Fees for Fiduciaries and their Attorneys," **USC Trust and Estate Conference**, 2010
- "Planning with the Clock Running: 2010 is Just Around the Corner," **USC Probate and Trust Conference**, 2004