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Education

Farhad is a 1989 graduate of the University of Virginia and a 1992 graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Law. Farhad received his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1995.

Professional Organizations

Farhad is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), where he is Chair of the Fiduciary Income Tax Committee, the State Chairs Steering Committee, and a member of the ACTEC Board of Regents. Farhad is Southeast Region Chair and immediate past Virginia State Chair of ACTEC. Farhad is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Federal Tax Institute (SFTI) where he serves as its Vice President. Farhad has held leadership positions in a number of other professional organizations, including the Virginia Bar Association Wills, Trusts, and Estates Section (Chair, 2011-2013), Fiduciary Income Tax Committee of the ABA Tax Section (Chair, 2003 to 2005), Estate Planning Council of Richmond (President, 2011-2012), Insurance Planning Committee of the ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Section (Chair, 2003-2004), Trust Administrators Council of Richmond (President, 2004-2005), University of Richmond Estate Planning Advisory Council (Chair, 2004-2009), and Richmond Private Business Study Group (Chair, 2001-2002). Farhad previously served as an adjunct professor at the University of Richmond School of Law and Washington & Lee's School of Law.

Speaking and Writing

Farhad is a co-author of *Tax Planning for Family Wealth Transfers During Life, Tax Planning for Family Wealth Transfers at Death*, and *Structuring Buy-Sell Agreements* (2nd Ed.; ThomsonReuters). He is the author of numerous articles that have appeared in tax journals, including *The Tax Lawyer* and *The Journal of Taxation* and has been quoted in the *New York Times* and *Virginia Business*. Farhad is Co-Chair of the Conner-Zaritsky Advanced Estate Planning Institute sponsored by Virginia CLE. In addition, Farhad regularly speaks at advanced planning conferences and seminars, including those sponsored by the University of Miami-Heckerling Institute, ACTEC, SFTI, the ABA and the American Law Institute.

Community Involvement

Farhad is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Foundation and Venture Richmond, where he serves as its Board Chair. Farhad is a member of The Forum Club and the 2006 Class of Leadership Metro Richmond. Farhad previously served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Community Foundation *Serving Richmond and Central Virginia* and he previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Medical College of Virginia Foundation, the Valentine Museum, St. Christopher's School, and the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Richmond.