

Meet Our Attorney

Debbie Faulkner, J.D., LL.M.

Estate Planning & Business Attorney



Debbie's Story

Debbie grew up in the East Lake community of Palm Harbor. She attended Stetson University in DeLand, Florida on a presidential scholarship. At 19, Debbie graduated from Stetson cum laude and earned the distinction of being Stetson's youngest graduate since its founding in 1883.

Early in her career, Debbie became interested in law. She attended Cornell Law School – one of the five Ivy League law schools – and became the first person in her family to obtain a graduate-level education.

In 2013, Debbie obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from Washington University in St. Louis where she focused her coursework on sophisticated estate and tax planning.

Debbie is the Managing Partner and owner of The Faulkner Firm. Her practice focuses on estate planning and a variety of business transactional matters including mergers and acquisitions, drafting and negotiating commercial agreements, commercial lease negotiations, providing general business advice to emerging and middle market companies, conducting due diligence, formation and entity selection, partnership agreements, and corporate governance.

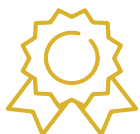
Debbie lives in Tampa with her husband and daughter.

Debbie's Overview



Education

- LL.M. in Taxation, Washington University in St. Louis
- J.D. Cornell Law School
- B.A. Stetson University, Cum Laude



Accomplishments, Publications & Awards

- Florida Super Lawyer Recipient – awarded to 5% of attorneys statewide (since 2020)
- Florida “Rising Star” Recipient - awarded to 2.5% of attorneys under 40 years old statewide (2016-2019)
- 10/10 Avvo Rating (since 2016)
- Top 40 Under 40 Estate Planning Lawyer, American Society of Legal Advocates (2017-2019)
- Certified Legal Instructor, Business Succession Planning, for National Business Institute
- A Primer on Taxation Considerations in Structuring Real Estate Holdings, Actionline, Florida Bar Real Property Probate & Trust Section's official Publication (Fall 2016)
- Avoiding Digital Deficits in Estate Planning, Res Ipsa Loquitur (Jan.-Feb. ed., 2014)
- Tampa Bay Business Journal “Up & Comer” Award Recipient (Nov. 2013)



Professional & Community Affiliations

- Real Property Probate & Trust Section, Florida Bar (since 2013)
- Florida Bar Asset Protection Committee & Speaker (since 2014)
- Florida Fellows Institute American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (2016-17)
- President, Gulf Coast Legacy Planning Council
- Member, Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce



Type of Clients & Cases

- Served as primary personal lawyer for an individual with \$250,000,000+ of net worth
- Experienced in high net worth estate planning (\$24mm+)
- Represented an heiress to a nationally renowned closely held consumer goods business with an enterprise value of \$1.6 billion with estate planning
- Represented seller of a consumer goods business in its sale to a family company for a purchase price in excess of \$67 million
- Represents physicians, dentists and lawyers with multi-office practices
- Counsels individuals through business acquisitions and business owners through the sale process



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