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SERVICES

General Business Law

Fiduciary & Trust Litigation

Mergers & Acquisitions

Tax Advice & Controversies

Wealth Planning & Individual
Services

INDUSTRIES

Real Estate

Ann Stephens joined Sandberg Phoenix in 2018 as counsel. She represents business owners and individuals in a variety of legal matters relating to general business and tax including acquisitions and mergers, contract drafting and negotiations, financing, real estate, choice of entity issues and tax planning. She acts as general outside counsel to various businesses, providing advice on specific issues and managing their general legal matters. Her clients include businesses involved in many industries including manufacturers, fabricators, distributors, construction and service.

Ann also advises individuals and business owners in areas of estate and gift tax planning including drafting of power of attorneys, wills and trusts.

She realizes that often times business owners are in need of legal advice regarding business succession planning and their estate plans. Conversely, many individuals in need of estate plan advice also operate their own business or real estate investments. Ann's experience in business and estate planning makes her uniquely qualified to assist those individuals and business owners in all facets of their business and estate plan needs.

In her free time, Ann enjoys spending time with her husband and three children.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Estate Planning Council of St. Louis

Missouri Bar Association

Sandberg Phoenix Women's Committee, Co-chair, advocating for the personal and professional advancement of women attorneys

Ann previously served as a member of the Saint Louis University Bequest and Gift Council (2008 – 2014) and was a past president and served on the board of directors for the Child Day Care Association (1996 – 2010).

EDUCATION

LL.M. in Taxation, Washington University School of Law, with honors receiving the Gary I. Boren Memorial Prize (highest GPA)

J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law

B.S. in Accounting, Quincy College

LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)

Missouri

United States Tax Court

PRO BONO

2000 – Present, St. Roch School, Volunteer

2016 – 2020, Nerinx High School Mother's Club Board Member

2012 – 2017, St. Louis University High School, Mother Admissions Ambassador - Class Representative

2011 – 2016, Girl Scout Leader, Troop 1870

1997 – 2003, Wishing Well Foundation of St. Louis

RECOGNITION

MARTINDALE HUBBELL

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating™

Given by attorneys who have interacted with Ann during her legal career.

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MISSOURI LAWYERS MEDIA

Women's Justice Award

Transactional Practitioner Award