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EXPERTISE Estate Planning

Wilton W. Cogswell IV, known as Four, is a tax, trust, and estate planning attorney at Ireland Stapleton. Since 1992, he has helped clients preserve their legacies through thoughtful, client centered planning strategies, with a particular emphasis on tax planning and wealth transfer. Four also advises clients on emerging businesses, choice of entity, and tax exempt organizations. Clients value his ability to explain complex legal and tax concepts in clear, practical terms.

Four regularly counsels business owners and their families on succession planning, including the use of family entities and specialized trusts to achieve long term objectives. His practice also includes advising on transactional matters and real estate issues.

Four began his legal career as corporate counsel for a regional telephone company. He joined Ireland Stapleton as Of Counsel in 2005 and has maintained a private practice since 1993.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Representation of clients in tax and estate planning using both traditional and specialized trusts.
- Creation and representation of tax-exempt organizations, including private foundations, private operating foundations, and public charities conducting operations both domestically and internationally.
- Formation of the largest community foundation in southern Colorado.
- Formation, sale, and reorganization of closely held business organizations, including multi-million-dollar telephone company and ranch holding company.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

- L.L.M. in Taxation, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 1996
- J.D., University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 1992
- M.B.A., University of Denver Daniels College of Business, 1992
- B.S. in Biology, Colorado College, 1987

Admissions

- Colorado

HONORS & AWARDS

- Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® for Trusts and Estates, 2025

INVOLVEMENT & PUBLICATIONS

Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Statutory Revisions Committee, Colorado Bar Association Trust and Estates Section
- Denver Estate Planning Council
- Volunteer legal services to The Venue Theatre Company in Conifer, Colorado

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