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Edward Akel, formerly a certified public accountant, focuses his practice on income and estate tax planning, corporate and partnership law, including formation of corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and limited partnerships; preparation of business and commercial transaction agreements; partnership, shareholder and LLC operating agreements; employment, deferred, and incentive compensation agreements; phantom stock plans; stock appreciation plans and related agreements; as well as mergers and acquisitions. He is also an experienced tax lawyer who has advised and assisted clients with many income and estate tax issues, including estate planning, business transactions and Florida sales tax issues.

Mr. Akel also prepares wills and revocable living trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts, and other estate planning documents designed to obtain the maximum tax advantages for the lifetime and testamentary transfer of wealth and handles all types of business and real estate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, sales of businesses and real estate, contract preparation, closing services, leasing, mortgages, guarantees and exchanges (like kind tax-deferred 1031 exchanges). He is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Rotary Club of Deerwood.

CAPABILITIES

Tax Planning

Corporate

- Mergers and Acquisitions

Real Estate

Trusts & Estates

EDUCATION

- Florida State University, J.D., with high honors, 1975
- Duke University, B.A., 1972

HONORS & AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*©, 2021-2024
- AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell®
- *Florida Super Lawyers*®, 2008-2019
- Certified Public Accountant, Florida (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Florida Bar
- Jacksonville Bar Association

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Florida
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Certified Public Accountant (Inactive)