

## Marla DeVicente Bohlander

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### Overview

Marla DeVicente Bohlander joined the firm in August 2010. She is a Shareholder of the firm and Co-Leader of the Private Client Services Practice Group. Marla's practice focuses primarily on estate, tax and wealth transfer planning, estate and trust administration, and pre-marital and post-marital planning matters. Marla has experience in corporate and business matters, including entity selection, formation, and business succession planning.

### Representative Matters

- Preparation of wills, trusts, and other sophisticated estate planning instruments
- Legal advice concerning federal income, estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax issues
- Representation of individuals and corporate fiduciaries in complex probate and trust administration matters
- Tax and legal advice regarding business matters and closely-held business planning
- Preparation of pre-marital and post-marital agreements
- Tax controversies with Internal Revenue Service
- Tax-exempt and charitable organizations

### Honors and Distinctions

- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, Up & Comer, Wills, Trusts & Estates, 2022
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Estate & Probate, 2021-2025
  - *Rising Stars*, 2019
- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2021-2025
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
  - Trusts and Estates, 2020-2025
    - *Lawyer of the Year*, 2021
  - Tax Law, 2024-2025

### Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association
  - Tax Section
  - Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Florida Bar
  - Tax Section
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Tampa Bay Estate Planning Council
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Florida Fellows Institute, Class V Participant

### Community Involvement

- Suncoast Hospice Professional Partners Council

### Alternate Contact

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### Practice Areas

- Private Client Services
- Estate and Trust Planning
- Business Transactions
- Tax

### Education

- LL.M., Taxation, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2010
- J.D., cum laude, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2009
- B.S., cum laude, University of Florida, 2006

### Admissions

- Florida

- Tampa Connection, Class of 2014

## Thought Leadership

- "[Reviewing Your Estate Plan](#)," Author, *Tampa Bay Business & Wealth Magazine*, December 2018 Edition
- "[How to Make Sure You Don't Lose Your Charitable Contribution Deduction](#)," Author, *Trenam Legal Update*, January 2016
- "How to Make Sure Your Clients (and You) Don't Lose a Charitable Contribution Deduction," Author, *St. Petersburg Bar Association Paraclete*, pp. 8-9, January/February 2016
- "[IRS Releases New Form 1023-EZ for Smaller Charities Applying for Tax-Exempt Status](#)," Author, *Trenam Legal Update*, September 2014
- "A Panel Discussion Seminar," Suncoast Hospice Foundation, Clearwater, FL, May 2013