

About the Authors

Yaser Ali

Yaser Ali is a wealth-planning attorney in Tempe, Arizona, and counsels individuals and families with their estate, tax, and charitable planning needs. A graduate of the University of Florida, Harvard Graduate School of Education, and UC Berkeley School of Law, and a former law clerk to Judge Damon J. Keith on the United States Court of Appeals, Mr. Ali is also trained as an Imam, having memorized the entire Quran in its original Arabic language and studied Islamic jurisprudence and inheritance law with traditional Muslim scholars.

Mr. Ali's unique background enables him to effectively synthesize issues of classical Islamic law in a contemporary American context. He is a frequent speaker on topics relating to Islamic law and estate planning and routinely advises attorneys around the country on how to design and implement religiously compliant solutions for high-net-worth Muslim clients.

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Ahmed Shaikh

Born in San Diego, California, Ahmed Shaikh is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington and a Board Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. He served as the 2018 Chair of the Trusts and Estates Section of the Orange County Bar Association. He has also served in various capacities in the Muslim community locally and nationally. Since 2006, a large portion of his law practice has focused on Islamic law related to trusts and estates.

Mr. Shaikh's mission is to take challenging stories and with knowledge, understanding, and compassion create better narratives. For families of various levels of wealth and family complexity, this has meant aligning their planning with their values.

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