

Attorney Biography

Justin B. Cantwell, Esq.

Justin B. Cantwell, a transactional and estate planning attorney with The Alvarez Firm, assists clients with business and real estate transactions, corporate formation and governance, estate planning, and sophisticated tax planning for high net-worth estates.

Justin has handled estate planning matters for individuals and families to help minimize estate and gift tax, including the use of intentionally defective grantor trusts, qualified personal residence trusts, and irrevocable life insurance trusts. Justin has helped clients choose corporate entities based on tax issues and other considerations and guided them with corporate compliance as well as drafting shareholder agreements and sophisticated operating agreements. He has also advised clients in creating purchase agreements, lease agreements, and finance agreements.

Prior to his legal career, Justin owned a wholesale jewelry business in Los Angeles, California, for over a decade. In this role, Justin negotiated and imported bulk inventory from factories throughout the globe and wholesaled to retailers throughout the United States. Through this experience, Justin developed a deep understanding of the practical realities of operating a global and domestic business. Justin now brings this experience to his role as an advisor to clients who face these challenges.

Justin is licensed to practice law in California and Arizona and has a voluntary inactive license in Texas. He earned his Master of Laws in Taxation (LL.M.) from the University of San Diego School of Law, Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law, and Bachelor of Science from the University of Missouri. He is a member of the fraternity Phi Delta Theta (Missouri Alpha Chapter).

Justin is originally from Southwest Missouri but has lived in Southern California since 2007. Outside of practicing law, he is an active participant in his community and enjoys watching football and soccer, running, and swinging the sticks on the golf course. Justin comes from a multigenerational legacy of attorneys. His desire for a deeper level of intellectual application drew him to study law, and, specifically, to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.