

## Christopher Pride

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For me, the most meaningful part of practicing law is the relationships I get to build with the people I serve. Estate planning touches some of the most personal corners of a person's life, and I consider it a privilege to be invited into those conversations. I approach every engagement with the goal of making the process smooth and accessible, especially when clients are navigating grief or other difficult transitions. When handling complex corporate, private equity, or other high-stakes transactional matters, I bring a disciplined, detail-driven approach to ensure the plan is executed with precision and aligned with my clients' objectives. I've learned that the best legal work starts with listening. When I take the time to understand not just the facts but the person behind them, I can help clients sort through decisions that may feel overwhelming or unfamiliar. My role, as I see it, is to translate complex issues into clear guidance, ask the questions they may not have considered, and provide steady support from start to finish. I try to create an environment where clients feel at ease and our conversations are straightforward and respectful, to feel more like talking with a trusted friend than meeting with an attorney. At heart, I believe good lawyering is less about showcasing expertise and more about using it in a way that genuinely serves others. I take satisfaction in delivering work that is thoughtful, thorough, and dependable, but what stays with me long after any document is signed is the sense that I've helped someone move forward with confidence and peace of mind. That is why I show up every day and why I value this work as deeply as I do.

Christopher's practice focuses primarily on estate planning, trusts, special needs planning, and tax-efficient wealth transfer strategies, which together make up the core of his work. He assists individuals and families in designing and implementing comprehensive plans that preserve assets, protect family legacies, address the unique needs of beneficiaries with disabilities, and support their long-term financial objectives. Throughout the process, Christopher provides practical, forward-looking counsel tailored to each client's personal, financial, and charitable priorities.

In addition to his estate planning practice, Christopher assists clients with a broad range of transactional and business matters including mergers and acquisitions, entity formation, contract drafting and negotiation, private investments, and real estate transactions. His work spans a variety of industries—among them family wealth and family office services, financial services, real estate, non-profit organizations, retail, and e-commerce—allowing him to deliver cohesive advice that accounts for the legal and commercial realities clients face.

With the belief that prevention is the best solution, Christopher strives not only to address clients' immediate needs but also to anticipate and mitigate potential risks before they arise.

## **OUTSIDE OF WORK**

Christopher enjoys studying foreign languages (currently learning Korean), reading, playing board games, exercising, and spending time with family.

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## **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Corporate, M&A, Private Equity
- Estate Planning, Private Wealth, Family Office

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## **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Sophisticated special needs planning and comprehensive wealth strategies for high-net-worth individuals and families.
- Preparing opinion letters for eight-figure financing arrangements.
- Assisting with several eight-figure M&A deals across diverse industries.

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## **EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS**

### **Education**

- SMU Dedman School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*; Article Editor, *International Law Review Association*; Bible Study Coordinator, Christian Legal Society; Quill and Torch Award for outstanding legal research and scholarly writing; Pro Bono Honor Roll, awarded for donating over 200 public service hours
- University of North Texas, B.A., English, *cum laude*; President of E4, a student ministry for international students

### **Clerkships**

- Judicial Intern, state judges at Collin County District Court
- Judicial Extern, federal judge in the Northern District of Texas

### **Bar + Court Admissions**

- Licensed in Colorado
- Licensed in Texas

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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Texas Rising Star, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2026

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## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, Dallas Bar Association