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Bob Keatinge advises a wide variety of businesses and their owners, from start-up companies to publicly- traded corporations.

He advises clients and acts as a consulting or testifying expert on matters of business organization, federal tax, and professional responsibility, at all stages of organizational life from the formation and capitalization of new businesses to the operation and growth of firms to the departure of owners and the dissolution and winding up of the organization.

Bob has written and spoken nationally on the subjects of limited liability companies, choice of entity, taxation, business succession planning, fiduciary duties, and professional responsibility and liability. He has authored or co-authored two treatises and over fifty law review or bar journal articles on these business topics. He has taught business organization and tax law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, the University of Miami School of Law, Suffolk University School of Law, and Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law in Budapest, Hungary.

PRACTICES

Tax
Federal Income Taxation
Mergers and Acquisitions
Trust and Estate Planning and Administration
Private Client
Family Office and Trust Companies

EDUCATION

University of Denver, LL.M., 1981

University of Denver, J.D., 1973

University of Colorado, B.A., 1970

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. Tax Court

EXPERIENCE

LLC, Partnership, Tax, and Private Client Experience

Bob provides his clients experience in business organization law including evaluation of the rights and duties of owners and managers, internal structure, taxation, and fundamental changes in such matters that include:

- Internal disputes
- Structuring relationships among members and managers
- Organization, operation, dissolution, and winding up

Bob provides expert witness on matters of fiduciary and other duties within business organization, corporate, partnership, and limited liability company law, and professional responsibility.

CLIENT RESULTS

Bob has structured and negotiated transactions for closely-held businesses.

Bob has served as a testifying or consulting expert services in litigation and arbitration matters involving business organizations, tax, and professional responsibility.

PUBLICATIONS

"The CTA Is Back (Sort Of)—What Reporting Companies Need to Know," *CTA Legal Update*, March 11, 2025

"The Corporate Transparency Act Is Still on Pause, but Less So," *Business Law Today*, Co-Author, February 7, 2025

"How FinCEN Stole Christmas: The Corporate Transparency Act, Year 1," *Business Law Today*, Co-Author, January 15, 2025

"Impossible Things: Compliance with the Corporate Transparency Act When Beneficial Owners or Company Applicants Are Nonresponsive," *Business Law Today*, Co-Author, December 19, 2024

"LLPs Are Not CTA Reporting Companies," *Business Law Today*, Co-Author, October 10, 2024

"CTA Beneficial Ownership Information Reports: Single-Member LLCs and EINs," *Business Law Today*, Co-Author, July 12, 2024

"Keatinge and Conaway on Choice of Business Organization," *Thomson Reuters* , Supplemented Annually, 2005-present

"Ribstein and Keatinge on Limited Liability Companies," *Thomson Reuters*, Supplemented Semi-Annually, 1992-present

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"A.I.R.S.: Changing in Staffing and Use of Artificial Intelligence by the IRS in the Return Selection and Audit Process," *Denver Tax Conference 2025*, December 9, 2025

"What Constitutes a Company Agreement?," *34th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships*, September 18, 2025

"Living with the Changes in the Federal Regulatory Landscape," *34th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships*, September 18, 2025

"Whither Partnership Audits: The Past, Present, and Future of the Federal Audit of Tax Partnership," *TEI Top Golf Event 2025*, June 25, 2025

"Corporate Transparency Act Update: Texas Decision," Panelist, *ABA Business Law Section*, December 6, 2024

"Generative AI and the Tax Professional," *TEI Denver Chapter Tax Seminar*, June 26, 2024

"Nonequity Partners and the Law Firm Structure," *ALA's 2024 Annual Conference & Expo*, May 22, 2024

"Use of AI in Tax Departments Including Practical & Ethical Considerations," Panelist, *TEI's 2024 74th Midyear Conference*, March 20, 2024

"Ethical Issues and AI," *Denver Tax Conference 2023*, December 14, 2023

"Ethics in the Age of AI: Legal Practice Transformations," *TEI 16th Annual Fall Seminar*, Nebraska, November 16, 2023

"The Corporate Transparency Act ," Co-Presenter, *Holland & Hart Utah Tax Conference*, November 2, 2023

"Ethics in the Age of AI," *Holland & Hart Utah Tax Conference*, November 2, 2023

"Ethics in the Age of AI: Legal Practice Transformations," *University of Texas 32nd Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships*, July 14, 2023

"US Federal Income Tax Update," *2021 Holland & Hart Tax Conference*, 12/07/2021

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Governance Law, 1995-2027; Corporate Law, 1995-2027; Tax Law, 1995-2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Law – Denver, 2012
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Business and Corporate, 2006-2019
- *Who's Who in America*
- *Who's Who in American Law*
- Recipient of the 2008 Martin I. Lubaroff Award for contribution to the development of partnership law
- Recipient of the ABA Business Law Section's 2004 Section Chair's Award
- Recipient of the Colorado Bar Association's 2002 Sue Burch Legislative Award

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Tax Counsel, Former Regent
- American Law Institute, Member (Members Consultative Group for Restatement of the Law of Agency, ALI Principles of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations, and other restatements)
- Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee, Member
- Colorado Bar Foundation, Former Director
- Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, Former Director
- American Bar Association, Sections of Business Law, Taxation, Real Property Probate and Trust, Member
- American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Business Law Section Liaison, 2024, 2025
- American Bar Association, Section of Science and

Technology, Science and Technology for the Social Good Committee, Chair

- American Bar Association's Business Law Section Professional Responsibility Committee, Former Chair
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Colorado Bar Association, Sections of Taxation Law, Business Law, Real Property Law, Member, Former Chair, Sections of Taxation Law and Section on Business Law
- Denver Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Shakespeare Festival Advisory Board, Member
- Stories on Stage, Director

Former Teaching Positions:

- University of Denver College of Law, Former Adjunct Professor
- University of Miami School of Law, Miami, Florida, Former Adjunct Professor
- Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, Former Visiting Assistant Professor
- Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary, Former Visiting Professor in the Suffolk University School of Law LL.M. in U.S. Law for International Business Lawyers, in cooperation with the Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary, and the Center for International Legal Studies Salzburg, Austria

Former Professional Associations:

- Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Business Organizations (formerly "Committee on Partnerships and Other Unincorporated Organizations") of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, Former Member and Chair
- Committee on Publications of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, Former Member and Chair
- American Bar Association House of Delegates, Former Delegate
- American Bar Association Business Law Section/National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) Joint Editorial Board on Unincorporated Business Organizations and the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Former Member and Chair
- National Conference on Uniform State Laws Drafting Committees on: a Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, a Revision to the Uniform Limited Partnership Act, a Uniform Inter-Entity Merger Act, American Bar Association Advisor, American Bar Association Business Law Section Advisor or American Bar Association Section on Real Property, Former Probate and Trust Advisor

- American Bar Association Business Law Section Partnership and Other Unincorporated Business Organizations Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Comment on the Revised Uniform Partnership Act, Former Member
- American Bar Association Task Force to Revise the Model Nonprofit Corporation Act, Former Member
- American Bar Association Tax Section Task Forces on Integration and Limited Liability Companies, Former Member
- Colorado Limited Liability Company Act, Former Co-Chair of Drafting Committee
- Colorado Association of Corporate Counsel, Former Chair
- Colorado Bar Association Business Law Section Committee Colorado Business Corporation Act Revision Committee, Former Member
- Joint Editorial Board for the ABA/BNA Lawyer's Manual on Professional Conduct, Former Chair
- Publications Committee of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, Former Chair