

Law Office of William C. Staley

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This law office provides expert tax and legal advice and prepares documents for tax-related business transactions and nonprofit organizations. Core areas of practice are:

Business Entities

- *Choosing the right entity*
- *Organizing, reorganizing and dissolving entities*
- *Creating holding companies to isolate liabilities*

Business Transitions

- *Selling a business*
- *Mergers and acquisitions*
- *Buy-sell agreements among business owners*
- *Transferring a business to the next generation*
- *Giving stock to employees and family*

Nonprofit Organizations

- *Establishing new organizations*
- *Public charities, private foundations, trade associations*
- *Resolving difficult tax and board issues, including compensation*
- *Reorganizing and dissolving organizations*

Outside general counsel role

- *Ongoing legal representation for business owners and nonprofits*
- *Introducing owners and managers to other legal and tax specialists, investment bankers and consultants as needed (see www.californiataxattorney.com)*

Special Counsel Role

- *Providing tax advice about specific transactions*
- *Resolving complex situations requiring extensive analysis, business, law and tax experience, sometimes involving difficult people*

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Bill has advised Southern California businesses and nonprofits since 1981. **Bill Staley** (attorney) and **Susan Rognlie** (legal assistant and secretary) have worked together since 1981. They are fortunate to have many clients with whom they have worked since the 80's and 90's. Many bar associations, accounting and business groups invite Bill to address them year after year.

Clients of this team benefit from their experience in large law firms, from Bill's leadership positions with the Tax Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Bill's active role in the Tax Section of the American Bar Association, and from their community activities. If this law office can't help efficiently, they will say so. Bill or Susan can probably provide a referral to someone they know personally.

Bill and Susan will be straight with you. They don't encourage gamesmanship in business deals, but they help their clients deal with it. They diligently protect clients' confidential information. They take their ethical responsibilities very seriously. They use technology (like their websites, email and document assembly systems) to solve client problems efficiently.

This law office is located in Woodland Hills (in the northwestern part of the city of Los Angeles) so that Susan can be near her children, who are in college, high school and elementary school and so that Bill can be near five of his 13 nieces and nephews. Clients of this office are based all over Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Other clients now live outside California, but have business interests here. Most clients of this law office were referred by accountants, attorneys, nonprofit consultants, financial advisers or investment bankers. This office's clients are in manufacturing, distribution and service businesses, and in real estate development and investment. Many have family businesses and/or substantial real estate interests.

Speaking of families, Bill and Susan each is the eldest of many siblings. They know that no one is perfect and that everyone needs help once in a while.

Bill and Susan are happy to receive referrals and to receive calls from people who could use their help.