



# ***Estate Planning Council of Greater Miami***

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Estate Planning Symposium ♦ Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

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### **ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS**

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**TAMI F. CONETTA, JD** is the Trust and Advisory Practice Executive for the East Region of The Northern Trust Company. She works closely with trust professionals on all aspects of the delivery of trust and advisory services to private clients in the Eastern United States, including comprehensive wealth management strategy. Tami joined The Northern Trust Company in 2009 as Senior Corporate Attorney and trust counsel. Prior to joining Northern Trust, Tami was in private law practice for over 18 years and a partner at Ruden McClosky where she practiced exclusively in tax and estate planning, post-mortem administration, and trust and estate litigation. While in private practice, Tami was certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in Wills, Trusts, and Estates. Tami was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) in 2006 and is a member of the Fiduciary Litigation and State Laws Committees. She is also a member of The Florida Bar and an active member of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) Section, where she serves as a member of the Section's Executive Council and Vice Chair of the Trust Law Committee, as well as a member of other substantive committees. She is a former chair of the Florida Supreme Court's Probate Rules Committee. She is also a member of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), and holds a certificate in International Trust Management (with distinction). Tami is a frequent lecturer for The Florida Bar and other professional associations on topics of estate planning, estate and trust administration, and trustee responsibilities. She is also the author of Chapter 10, *Practice Under Florida Probate Code*, seventh edition (2012). Tami earned her bachelor's degree at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina and received her law degree from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law in Gainesville, Florida (with honors).

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**LESTER B. LAW, JD, LLM** focuses on estate and trust planning, business succession planning, estate and trust administration, beneficiary and fiduciary administration and income tax matters with Franklin Karibjanian & Law. Lester spent the early part of his career practicing law as a trusts and estates attorney. He then switched to an advisory role working predominately with ultra-high net worth clients in two national trust companies. He has worked with many entrepreneurs and their families advising them on business succession planning, including dealing not only with the transactional and tax matters, but also with family dynamics and other related issues. With that experience, combined with his background as a certified public accountant, he brings his unique experience in understanding both the income tax, transfer tax and the family dynamic side of planning. Lester is a Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel (ACTEC), and serves on the Fiduciary Income Tax and Transfer Tax Study committees. He is also an active member of the American Bar Association's Real Property Trusts and Estate (ABA RPTE) Section, serving as co-chair of the ABA RPTE's Income and Transfer Tax Planning Group, as well as being a member of other committees. An active member of and board certified in Wills Trusts and Estates law by the Florida Bar, Lester has held many leadership roles at the Florida Bar's Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section, including chairing committees, being an editor of the Tax Notes for the Florida Bar Journal and currently co-chairing a subcommittee exploring the utility of Community Property Trusts in Florida. Lester is a nationally recognized speaker and author. Recent presentations and venues include, University of Miami Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, the Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute, ABA-RPTE meetings, Washington School of Law – Annual Estate Planning Council, Portland Estate Planning Council, Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Symposia, and Florida Attorney / Trust Officer Liaison Conference. He has lectured for the past decade at the Florida Banker's Trust School, was an adjunct professor at the Ave Maria School of Law, and will also serve as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law, Graduate Estate Planning Program. Lester's writings have been published in many national journals and publications, including Trusts & Estates, The Florida Bar Journal, Probate and Property, Bloomberg/BNA Estates, Gifts & Trusts Journal, Estate Planning, and Steve Leimberg's – LISI's Newsletters. He has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg/BNA*, and other national media. Lester is also a co-author of a book on estate planning titled, *Tools and Techniques of Trust Planning*. Lester is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell. Prior to joining Franklin Karibjanian & Law, Lester was a managing director at US Trust and Abbot Downing (Wells Fargo's ultra-high net worth boutique) focusing on planning for the ultra-high net worth clients for a dozen years. He also practiced law for more than a dozen years in Florida. Prior to law school, Lester was a CPA in Florida with PriceWaterhouseCoopers (formerly Price Waterhouse) for several years. Education: LL.M. Tax, University of Florida Graduate Tax Program, 1993 (1<sup>st</sup> in Class); J.D., The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1991; M.S.T., University of Miami, 1989; B.B.A., Florida International University, 1986

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