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Mr. Handler is an advanced planning attorney focused on structuring complex estate plans and handling related business structures and tax planning issues for affluent families, family businesses and family offices. Such planning often involves the interplay of income tax, estate tax, executive benefits, and financial matters. In this regard, Mr. Handler is particularly experienced in dealing with business owners, directors, executives, professional athletes, celebrities and family offices. He has extensive experience in the analysis, design and implementation of domestic and international business planning, financial and estate planning, and advanced tax planning strategies. Mr. Handler is a managing partner in Handler Thayer, LLP, where he chairs the firm's Advanced Planning & Family Office Practice Group.

Mr. Handler's experience includes public accounting and corporate and foundation directorships. He is involved in Chicago Bar Association activities including its Taxation and Trust Law committees, and has authored numerous professional articles. He has lectured extensively both nationally and internationally at professional and family office educational conferences. Mr. Handler created the Asset Protection Profile™ and Stealth Prenup™ in addition to other proprietary strategies for affluent families and family offices.

He has been recognized by various independent organizations on their lists of top attorneys. Leading Lawyers Network named Mr. Handler one of the Top Attorneys in Illinois in two areas: 1) Trusts, Will and Estate Planning Law and 2) Closely and Privately Held Business Law. He has also been named to the PCG Wealth Strategies Design Team comprised of fifteen of the top wealth planners in the United States. Further, he has been named to Who's Who in American Law and a life member of Who's Who in America.

He earned a Bachelor of Sciences in Accountancy Degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Juris Doctorate Degree (*Law Review*) from DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Handler is a recognized thought leader in the advanced planning and family office marketplaces who has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Worth Magazine*, *Financial Times*, *Barron's*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Structured Products Magazine*, *ABA Journal*, *National Law Journal*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, *Derivatives Weekly*, *Family Wealth Report* and *Wealth Manager Magazine* in addition to other publications.

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