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Mr. Bourland is the founding shareholder of Bourland, Wall & Wenzel, P.C., a Fort Worth, Texas law firm which represent individuals, closely held and family businesses, professional practices and nonprofit entities (including charitable organizations) within its areas of legal practice. Mr. Bourland was born in Fort Worth, Texas on October 2, 1943. He earned a B.A. from Baylor University and his J.D. from Baylor University School of Law. He earned his LL.M. in Taxation from University of Miami, Florida. Additionally, he was a Captain in JAGC, USAF, 1970-1975.

Mr. Bourland was admitted to practice law in Texas in 1969 and is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law (Texas Board of Legal Specialization). He is a member of the American Bar Association; State Bar of Texas and its Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section (Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Council, 1993-1996); Tarrant County Bar Association (Director, 1987-1989); Tarrant County Probate Bar Association; Fort Worth Business and Estate Council (Chair, 1992-1993); and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Mr. Bourland's practice is directed to business, tax, estate planning, trusts, probate, charitable entity and charitable giving law. Mr. Bourland has been/is currently a guest lecturer in estate planning at Baylor University School of Law (where he is adjunct professor of law, co-teaching the Nonprofit Organizations course), Baylor University School of Business, Southern Methodist University School of Law, University of Texas School of Law and The Center for American and International Law. He speaks regularly throughout the United States on subjects within his practice areas at seminars conducted by, among others, American Bar Association, American Law Institute, Texas Bar Association, American Institute of CPAs, Salk Institute for Biological Research and Texas Society of CPAs, Notre Dame, Duke and Tulane Universities.

Additionally, he speaks regularly to churches and church leaders on the creation of church foundations and the governance of church organizations. Mr. Bourland has contributed on subjects within his practice areas to publications including the New York Times, Nation's Business, Business Week and Money magazine. Mr. Bourland is a co-author of [Keeping Your Church Out of Court](#), first, second and third editions.