

Brock Bales

Partner, Morgan & Bales

Brock Bales advises funds, families, and family offices on their most pressing matters and projects, leading a comprehensive practice that is as diverse as his clients' needs. He is experienced at creating complex fund, entity, and trust structures, designing and implementing exit and acquisition strategies, solving and mitigating tax problems, and providing technical counsel on a wide range of matters, including fiduciary and corporate governance, wealth preservation and protection, succession planning, and multi-jurisdictional business and estate planning. Brock enjoys assembling transactions and structures that involve navigating heavy regulation and significant tax implications, such as start-up incubation, opportunity zone fund creation and management, multi-jurisdictional fund and business structuring, and financial services, medical, and dental M&A.

Prior to joining the firm, Brock consulted with Black River, Ltd., an oil and gas appraisal firm in San Antonio, and served as of counsel for Dunn Smith LLP, an oil and gas fraud litigation firm. During law school, Brock clerked for the General Counsel of Liberty University and the General Counsel of Guidestone Financial Resources.

Since being named partner to the firm in 2024, he has applied his entrepreneurial spirit to shaping the future of Morgan & Bales.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Buy and Sell Side Advisory Services
- Individual, Trust, and Business Taxation
- Foreign and Domestic Fund Formation
- Creative Business and Entity Structuring
- Corporate and Fiduciary Governance
- Multi-Jurisdictional Planning and Transactions
- Asset Protection and Wealth Preservation
- Foreign and Domestic Trust Planning
- Real Estate Transactions
- Outside General Counsel to Family Offices and Entrepreneurs

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed acquisition model for family office to vet then acquire multiple SMEs, each with unique regulatory and human capital complexities, in rapid succession.
- Structured offshore startup incubator designed to acquire and accelerate sports and tech startups and advised LPs and executive teams through fund and fiduciary governance matters.
- Designed and implemented opportunity zone self-storage funds and operators.

- Created and serves as outside general counsel to large DSO and dental acquisition partnership.
- Serves as outside general counsel to multiple ultra-high net worth families and family offices.
- Advises private corporate trustees and related family offices on fiduciary, governance, regulatory, and tax matters.

EDUCATION

Liberty University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, Certificate of Concentration in Taxation, 2017)

- Law Review Executive Editor
- Recipient of the 2017 Roger C. Bern Planning Award for excellence in business, tax, and estate planning
- CALI Award in Business Taxation

Liberty University School of Business (B.S., *summa cum laude*, Finance, 2014)

- President, Student Asset Management Fund
- 2014 Dr. John D. George Leadership Award and Scholarship for leadership in fund management

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Young Lawyers Association

PUBLICATIONS

And Then It Was Gone: A Critique of Section 10(b) Collective Scierter Pleading in the Sixth Circuit's Bondali Decision, 11 LIBERTY U. L. REV. 69 (2017).

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