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Ms. Bivens is a Phoenix native who received her law degree, cum laude, from Arizona State University in 1996. For over 20 years she has focused her practice on estate planning, probate and trust administration, elder law, and special needs planning. Ms. Bivens devotes her time, knowledge, and passion to working with individuals, families, licensed fiduciaries, banks, and trust companies.

Ms. Bivens holds the honored distinction as a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA) by the National Elder Law Foundation accredited by the State Bar of Arizona. There are less than 500 CELAs nationwide. She was also awarded North Valley Magazine's Top Valley Lawyers 2017 and 2018 in Estate Planning, and a past Attorney of the Month selected by Attorney At Law Magazine- Phoenix.

Ms. Bivens is a nationally recognized attorney in her field, frequent speaker, and writer. She is former contributing editor for Attorney at Law Magazine- Phoenix. In addition, Ms. Bivens regularly speaks at community education events, and serves as faculty for continuing legal education events for attorneys and fiduciaries, including State Bar of Arizona, Maricopa County Bar Association, Arizona Fiduciary Association, National Guardianship Association, and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) conferences.

Ms. Bivens' professional memberships include the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), Probate and Trust Section of the State Bar of Arizona, the Mental Health and Elder Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona, the Estate Planning and Probate Section of the Maricopa County Bar Association, the Arizona chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Academy of Special Needs Planners, Wealth Counsel, National Elder Law Foundation, and the Arizona Women Lawyer's Association. Ms. Bivens is a past Chair of the Mental Health and Elder Law Executive Council of the State Bar of Arizona, and board member of Preferred Senior Referral Specialists in Arizona (PASRS). She is a current board member of East Valley Adult Resources and Kappa Alpha Theta- Phoenix Alumnae chapter, and is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee to Arizona Foundation for Women.

When not at work, Ms. Bivens enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, now in college, and two chocolate Labradors.

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