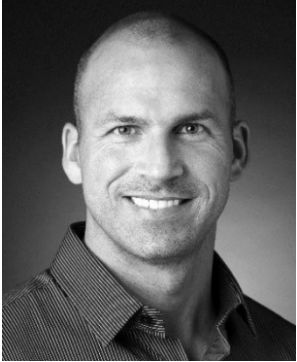

Curriculum Vitae



Matthew “Match” Dawson provides counsel on the design and implementation of traditional and sophisticated estate planning, asset protection strategies, and life insurance matters. With an emphasis on minimizing the burdens of taxation and uncertainty of potential litigation, Mr. Dawson designs strategies and vehicles most appropriate to solve the unique needs of each individual client, including wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, choice of business entities, and asset protection structures. Mr. Dawson also has a particular affinity for assisting clients with special needs dependents.

Prior to forming Dawson Law LLP[®], Mr. Dawson began his legal career working for Justice Paul W. Green of the Texas Supreme Court, and later joined the distinguished Austin-based law firm of Giordani, Swanger, Ripp, & Phillips, LLP where he counseled clients on asset protection matters, estate and trust planning, and probate administration.

Mr. Dawson has been in the estate planning and financial services industry for over fifteen years and has earned the prestigious Excellence in Performance award three times, as well as the coveted Chairman’s Club award which recognizes a limited group of financial service professionals for their dedication to the financial services industry. Mr. Dawson also earned Top of the Table honors within the Million Dollar Round Table, the world’s most prestigious financial services organization reserved for the top 1% of global wealth planners. Because of Mr. Dawson’s extensive experience in the life insurance industry, he is uniquely suited to review the appropriateness of existing life insurance structures and to assist clients with their ongoing insurance planning. However, neither Dawson Law LLP[®] nor Mr. Dawson act as an insurance broker or financial advisor.

Mr. Dawson earned his B.A. in Economics from California State University Sacramento and his Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, from St. Mary’s University School of Law. Mr. Dawson later returned to St. Mary’s as a Professor of Law where he teaches Asset Protection and Estate Planning. Mr. Dawson is a member of the Forensic Expert Witness Association, the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, and the College of the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Dawson has been awarded the prestigious Accredited Estate Planner[®] designation, an honor bestowed upon only the best trained estate planning attorneys in Texas. Mr. Dawson is also a member of the Asset Protection and Estate Law sections of the ABA, the Estate Planning Council of Central Texas, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals, a collaborative organization of professional service providers who have distinguished themselves through advanced education.

Mr. Dawson and his wife, Dr. Lesha, reside in Bastrop County, Texas where she practices large animal medicine. In his spare time, Mr. Dawson enjoys spending time at his family ranch, competitive trap and skeet shooting, and bowhunting.

Education

St. Mary's University School of Law (Doctor of Jurisprudence, *cum laude*)

- *John M. Harlan Legal Honor Society (Top 10%)*
- *Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Fraternity*
- *Distinguished Student*
- *Outstanding Pro Bono Achievement Award*
- *Dean's Scholarship*
- *Dean's List*

California State University at Sacramento (B.A., Economics)

Practice Areas

Domestic Estate and Asset Protection Planning

International Estate and Asset Protection Planning

Disability and Special Needs Planning

Charitable Planning

Life Insurance Planning

Corporate Planning

Legal Professional Affiliations and Honors

Forensic Expert Witness Association

Estate Planning Council of Central Texas

Society of Financial Service Professionals

College of the State Bar of Texas

Texas Center for Legal Ethics

State Bar of Texas

Austin Bar Association

Bastrop Bar Association

American Bar Association

- *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section*
- *Asset Protection Section*

Non-Legal Professional Affiliations and Honors (Prior)

Financial Advisor (**not actively licensed*)

- *Series 7*
- *Series 66*
- *Life and Health licenses*

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors

The Million Dollar Round Table

- *Top of the Table*

Chairman's Club

Foundation Club

Excellence in Performance Award

Professional Publications and Presentations

"Landowner Protections". Central Texas Wildlife Legacy, 2019.

"Stranger-Owned Life Insurance: Stopping the Profiteers of Death". St. Mary's Law Journal, in conjunction with Professor Andre Hampton (to be submitted for publication).

"eMedicine: Adding Patient Accountability to the Standard of Care". St. Mary's Law Journal; in conjunction with Professor Bernard Reams (to be submitted for publication).

"A Plunger, a Policy, and a Different Way of Thinking," The Million Dollar Round Table, Top of the Table Annual Meeting, Main Platform (Kauai, Hawaii; October 2010).

"Premium Financing: A Strategy to Fund Premiums for Wealthy Clients," The Torch, June 1, 2009, at 21.

"The Living Benefits of Life Insurance," Securian Foundation (St. Paul, Minnesota; October 2008).

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