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JURIS DOCTOR

David Smitten is the Private Client Group Manager, a Financial Planner and General Counsel at KeatsConnelly. KeatsConnelly is the largest cross-border wealth management firm in North America that specializes in helping Canadians and Americans realize their dreams of a cross-border lifestyle. David is responsible for the development and implementation of cross-border business and tax planning in conjunction with the Planning Team. David also provides legal advice to the company with respect to compliance and best practices regarding Canadian and US laws and regulations.

Prior to coming to KeatsConnelly, David practiced law for 17 years in private practice, the last 10 of which as a partner at a law firm in Alberta, Canada. He handled complex commercial and civil litigation matters, as well as engaged in estate and business succession planning as vital components of practice. David is admitted to practice law in the State of Arizona and the Province of Alberta, making him one of a very small group of lawyers who are actively admitted in both jurisdictions.

David and his family are versed in the process of enjoying a cross-border lifestyle, having relocated from Canada themselves. As such, David brings a perspective of personal experience and enjoys developing creative solutions to address our clients' needs.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, 1998

Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta

Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction, 1995

Concordia University College of Alberta

CERTIFICATIONS

Admitted to Practice Law in the Province of Alberta

Admitted to Practice Law in the State of Arizona

Certified Collaborative Lawyer

Trust and Estates Practitioner, STEP

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Clinton J. Ford Shield

Governor General Academic Medal

MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Alberta

Canadian Bar Association

State Bar of Arizona

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

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