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Juan D. Bendeck is certified by the Florida Bar as a Board Certified Specialist in Wills, Trusts and Estates. Board certification recognizes attorneys' special knowledge, skills and proficiency in various areas of law and professionalism and ethics in practice. Juan focuses his practice in estate planning, estate administration and asset protection planning. He formulates and drafts tax-efficient estate plans for his clients, including more advanced and novel estate planning techniques geared toward lessening estate and gift tax liability. His practice includes the administration of complex wills and trusts. Additionally, Juan works with physicians and other professionals interested in asset protection planning.

Juan also assists his clients with the creation of entities, such as corporations and limited liability companies, for various reasons, including new businesses or liability protection.

Juan is a lifelong resident of Southwest Florida and is actively involved in the community. He is on the board of directors of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the Naples Zoo, Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. and the Florida Humanities Council. In addition, Juan is chairman of the Planned Giving Committees at Florida Gulf Coast University and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

In 2008, *Gulfshore Business* magazine selected Juan for its "40 Under 40" award. The award is presented to the most influential rising business stars in the Southwest Florida community. Juan and his wife, Enas, are one of the few couples to have both won the award.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Estate Tax and Income Tax: Current Law, Possible Changes and Planning Opportunities", Foundation for Government Accountability, January 2021.
- Author, "Using Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts to Take Advantage of Increased Exemptions," Estate Planning Guide, Naples Daily News, March 2018.
- Speaker, "The Income, Estate, and Gift Tax Consequences of Divorce," Continuing Legal Education Committee and Family Law Section, The Florida Bar, Audio Webcast Presentation, July 2015.
- Speaker, "My Client has become a Florida Resident: Selected Issues of Florida Law and Traps for the Unwary for the Ohio Lawyer to be Aware of When a Client Becomes a Florida Resident," Annual CLE Program of the Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law Section of the Ohio State Bar Association, 2009.

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Professional History

- Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP.
- Attorney, White & Case LLP.
- Attorney, Holland & Knight LLP.
- Research Assistant, University of Florida Graduate Tax Program.
- Law Clerk, Orange County Attorney's Office.
- Law Clerk, The Honorable Darryl C. Casanueva.

Admissions

• State of Florida, 1996.

Education

- University of Florida Graduate Tax Program, LL.M. in Taxation, 1997.
- Honors & Activities: Graduate Tax Program Fellowship.
- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., High Honors, 1995.
- Honors & Activities: Order of the Coif.
- University of Florida, B.S., Economics, Highest Honors, 1992.
- Honors & Activities: Beta Gamma Sigma; Phi Kappa Phi.

Memberships & Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Tax Section, Member.
- Florida Bar Association, Tax, Estate Planning and International Sections, Member.
- Collier County Bar Association, Member.

Awards & Distinctions

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Trusts and Estates, 2019-22.
- Top Lawyer, *Naples Illustrated*, Trusts and Estates 2020-21.

Languages

• Spanish (Fluent).

Community Involvement

- School District of Lee County Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, Member, 2021-present.
- Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Board of Directors.
- Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Member, 2004-present.
- Naples Zoo, Board of Directors.
- Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc., Board of Directors.
- Florida Humanities Council, Board of Directors.
- Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Planned Giving Committee, Chairman.
- Florida Gulf Coast University, Planned Giving Committee, Chairman, 2015-present; Member, 2014-present.