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The next Oklahoma City Estate Planning Council meeting will be on:

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.
Oklahoma City Community Foundation (“OCCF”),
1000 Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We are pleased to present as our speaker, Christopher W. Cotner, an attorney with The Bethany Law Center LLP. Mr. Cotner will have a presentation on **Business and Estate Planning for Clients in the Cannabis Industry**.

If you have any suggestions for future speakers and/or topics, please contact a board member.

Please respond to Carol Thompson whether or not you will be attending the meeting. If you are bringing a guest, please provide the guest's name. **Guests are welcomed and encouraged.**

By email: cthompson@hartzoglaw.com
By facsimile: 996-3403

GUEST BREAKFAST FEE OF \$30 PER GUEST WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE MEETING.

Please respond no later than Monday, March 7, 2022

Our objective is to promote friendship and cooperation among the members of the Council to the end that the public may be better served in the planning and administration of trusts and estates.

Christopher W. Cotner

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Chris grew up in Oklahoma City and attended Oklahoma Baptist University and University of Oklahoma School of Law. After graduating from law school, he practiced law in the following areas: banking, commercial (including litigation), real estate, business entity formation, contract drafting and review, general corporate, and trust administration and probate.

In 2008, Chris helped a client form a non-profit organization, Water4, Inc. Water4's mission is to equip young men and women to create businesses that bring clean water to their communities in Africa and South America. Chris served as founding Executive Director and then Director of Special Projects. In his capacity as director at Water4, he traveled to over ten countries in Africa, South America, and Central America and was co-producer of an award-winning documentary about the water crisis in Zambia called This is Normal.

Chris returned to the practice of law in 2014 and brought with him valuable qualities and executive-level experience that had previously been missing in his law practice.

Chris and his wife Angela, a professor at Oklahoma City Community College, have four children. He enjoys coaching a YMCA basketball team, reading, fishing, being at Lake Wewoka, and following the OU Sooners and the OKC Thunder.

Areas of Practice

- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Non-profit Law
- Wills and Trusts
- Probate and Guardianship
- Business Entity Formation and Corporate Governance
- Business Transactions/Acquisitions
- Contract Drafting and Review
- Commercial Real Estate Leases and Purchases

Memberships

- Oklahoma Bar Association
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- 2013 Inductee in the Westmoore High School Hall of Honor

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