

Until February 2010, John A. Warnick was a senior partner in the Denver office of Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, where he chaired the firm's Private Client Services practice group. Since then he has been serving as a solo practitioner through the Law Offices of John A. Warnick working with clients who want more out of their estate plans than just tax efficiency and asset protection planning.



Mr. Warnick is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is also an active member of the Colorado and Wyoming bar associations as well as the Rocky Mountain Estate Planning Counsel. He has been included in the Best Lawyers in Colorado (Estate Planning and Tax) and Super Lawyers (Estate Planning and Tax) since 1999.

Mr. Warnick founded the Purposeful Planning Institute ("PPI") in early 2010. With over 300 members in the U.S. and five other nations, PPI is transforming the ways in which estate and financial planning is delivered through tools and concepts he calls the keys of Purposeful Trusts & Gifts and the paradigms of Purposeful Planning.

Mr. Warnick believes technical (tax and legal) concepts are dominating the planning processes and too often this leads to documents which offer few, if any, clues to what mattered most to the client. Too often inheritors are left to wonder if the estate planning document is really what their parents/grandparents wanted. He has developed exercises which assist estate planning professionals in capturing their clients' voice, vision, values and life wisdom and trains attorneys in innovative ways to integrating those exercises in the design and drafting of Purposeful Trusts and Gifts. As you might imagine, there isn't one style or size for a Purposeful Trust or Will. They reflect the unique vision, values and life journey of the trust creator.

Mr. Warnick has also pioneered new models for integrating best practices from the domains of legacy, relational, governance and philanthropic planning into technical planning design, drafting and implementation. He calls this Fusion and has found it is a key to building more meaningful and sustainable technical plans.

As an enthusiastic proponent of collaboration, Mr. Warnick speaks frequently and provides unique training experiences to help front-line technical advisors understand both the benefits and roadblocks to more frequent and effective collaboration.

Mr. Warnick has written and spoken extensively across the nation on a wide array of estate planning and tax topics. He was the author of two BNA (Bureau of National Affairs) Tax Management portfolios. He co-authored "Selecting a Trust Situs in the 21st Century" which was published in the March/April 2002 issue of *Probate and Property*. From 2009 to 2011 he wrote a bi-monthly column for the Journal of Practical Estate Planning, a CCH publication. He is currently working on a book for the American Bar Association entitled the Purposeful Trust Handbook. Mr. Warnick received a BA magna cum laude from Brigham Young University and his JD from George Washington University with honors.