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Profile

Buz has focused his practice in estate planning and estate and trust administration for more than 50 years.

Prior to joining Bond, Buz was a founding partner of the Rochester area law firm, Boylan Code LLP.

He has also served on the boards of numerous community organizations and is Trustee Emeritus for the Seneca Park Zoo Society and Lifespan of Greater Rochester. Buz has also lectured for local bar association programs and community groups on various aspects of estate and tax planning and estate administration, as well as business succession planning.

Honors & Affiliations

- The Best Lawyers in America® for Trusts & Estates Law (2010-2026).
- Named 2025 Rochester Business Journal Attorney of the Year - Lifetime Achievement Honoree
- Named honoree of the Trusts & Estates Power List, Rochester Business Journal, 2024
- Named honoree of the Tax Law Power List, Rochester Business Journal, 2024
- Named honoree of the Power 20 Trusts & Estates Law List, The Daily Record, 2023
- Author of "Best Practices in Developing a Business Exit Strategy for the High-Net-Worth Client" (2009, Thomson Reuters/Aspatore).
- Former chairman of Monroe County Bar Association Trusts and Estates Section
- Former Trustee of Monroe County Bar Association
- Member, Trusts and Estates Section of Monroe County Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D. 1970)
- Princeton University (A.B. 1967)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- Trust and Estate