

Steven Wilhelm Selected for Top Attorney of the Decade for 2026 by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Steven Wilhelm at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Steven H. Wilhelm, Owner, President, Attorney, and Business Advisor of Steven H. Wilhelm, APC, has been selected as Top Attorney of the Decade for 2026 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP). The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, honors only the most accomplished and influential professionals each year.

Being selected as an award recipient within IAOTP is a prestigious distinction. Only a select group of exceptional professionals are chosen annually based on their professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, longevity in their field, meaningful affiliations, and contributions to their communities. All honorees are invited to attend IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala to celebrate their achievements. This year, Mr. Wilhelm will be honored for his latest distinction at IAOTP's 2026 Annual Awards Gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York City.

With an extraordinary 51 years of experience practicing law, Mr. Wilhelm has built an exceptional reputation as one of the nation's most respected attorneys. Since founding Steven H. Wilhelm, APC in 1980, he has provided trusted legal counsel in business law, real estate, estates and trusts, with the firm's primary focus on trusts and estates, business transactional matters, and real estate transactions. His firm is recognized for combining passionate client advocacy with practical, strategic legal guidance to consistently achieve outstanding results.

Mr. Wilhelm's remarkable work ethic and determination were evident long before his legal



career began. A former 1972 Olympic Alternate, he balanced the demanding responsibilities of his first year of law school while maintaining a part-time job and training for the Olympic Games. Before pursuing law, he chose to attend the University of Kansas on both academic and athletic scholarships, charting his own path despite family expectations. After earning his law degree, he became licensed in Kansas before returning to California, where he joined the Law Offices of Joseph St. John, helping establish the firm's commercial and business litigation division while handling complex civil litigation matters.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Wilhelm has earned widespread recognition for his exceptional legal expertise and unwavering commitment to excellence. His

firm has repeatedly been voted among the Best Business Law Firms in San Diego County by its peers and has received recognition from the Leading Lawyers Association, Lawyers of Distinction, and Who's Who of Top Attorneys in North America. He has also maintained the prestigious AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell since 1980, reflecting the highest standards of legal ability and ethical practice.

Mr. Wilhelm's relationship with IAOTP spans many years and reflects his continued commitment to leadership and excellence. In 2021, he was selected as Top Attorney of the Year, honored at IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala, featured in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine, and celebrated on the iconic Reuters Billboard in Times Square, New York City. In 2022, he received IAOTP's exclusive Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2023, he was selected as one of IAOTP's Top 50 Fearless Leaders, becoming a featured author in the International Best-Selling book Top 50 Fearless Leaders, and was also inducted into the prestigious IAOTP Hall of Fame. His newest recognition as Top Attorney of the Decade for 2026 further solidifies his remarkable legacy and lasting impact on the legal profession.

Mr. Wilhelm is an active member of the California Bar Association, San Diego Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, and the Kansas Bar Association. His legal expertise has been recognized worldwide through numerous publications, professional organizations, and media features.

Stephanie Ciriemi, President of IAOTP, stated:

"Selecting Mr. Wilhelm for this honor was an easy decision for our panel. Steven exemplifies



integrity, perseverance, and excellence in every aspect of his career. His decades of outstanding legal service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to his clients have made a lasting impact on the legal profession. We are honored to recognize him as IAOTP's Top Attorney of the Decade and look forward to celebrating his continued success at this year's gala."

Mr. Wilhelm attributes his success to perseverance, discipline, and maintaining a genuine passion for serving others. When he is not practicing law, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his family. Looking ahead, he remains committed to helping businesses and individuals navigate complex legal matters while continuing to mentor future generations of legal professionals.

For more information, please visit www.stevenhwilhelm.com.

Watch his IAOTP feature video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nM7dNs9Oqg

About IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that handpicks the world's finest professionals from a wide range of industries. IAOTP provides these distinguished individuals with opportunities to collaborate, share ideas, speak at conferences, and inspire others through their leadership and accomplishments.

Membership is by invitation only through nomination by the President or a distinguished honorary member following a comprehensive vetting process. IAOTP has recognized thousands of outstanding professionals worldwide, helping them elevate their personal brands while creating valuable networking opportunities among today's most influential leaders.

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