

# *Indian River*

## ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL

2024-2025 Season

Dear Indian River Estate Planning Council Members (and Prospective Members):

I hope you all have had a great summer! The Indian River Estate Planning Council is looking forward to our 2024-2025 season, which kicks off Thursday, September 12 at 4:45 pm at Sailfish Brewery on Ocean Drive in Vero Beach! Please see below some information regarding the upcoming season.

Membership. Attached is the Membership Application for the 2024-2025 year. Please complete and sign the application and return it, along with a check payable to the Indian River Estate Planning Council in the amount of \$250, to the address indicated on the application by October 1, 2024. We also ask that you take the time to answer the optional survey questions listed on the application. We appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your suggestions. Finally, we encourage all Members to recruit their qualified friends and colleagues in the estate planning field who may not yet be members of IREPC to apply! Our application is available under the membership tab of our website, [irepc.org](http://irepc.org).

Calendar of Events. Our regular dinner meetings will once again be held at the Quail Valley Riverfront Dining Room located on A1A in Vero Beach. The meeting format is the same as last year: Cocktails begin at 5:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will begin around 6:30 p.m. and finish up by 7:00 p.m. or so. Below is a calendar of our events as well as information on sponsoring our events. We very much appreciate your continued support, and we hope to see you all very soon.

The following dates have been confirmed (please be sure to put these dates on your calendar!):

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

Joint Kick-Off Happy Hour with Planned Giving Council  
Sailfish Brewing Company  
2855 Ocean Drive  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
4:45pm-5:45pm

**Thursday, October 3, 2024**

Quail Valley River Club  
2345 Highway A1A  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
5:15pm-7:00pm  
Speaker: Mayor of Vero Beach, John E. Cotugno  
Sponsor: Open!

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

Quail Valley River Club  
2345 Highway A1A  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
5:15pm-7:00pm  
Speaker: TBD!  
Sponsor: Open!

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**

Quail Valley River Club  
2345 Highway A1A  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
5:15pm-7:00pm  
Speaker: TBD!  
Sponsor: Open!

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

Joint Meeting with Planned Giving Council  
Quail Valley River Club  
2345 Highway A1A  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
5:15pm-7:00pm  
Speaker: TBD!  
Co-Sponsors: Indian River Community Foundation and PNC

Blanche Necessary, our Membership Coordinator, will send you a reminder prior to each meeting. We ask that you please RSVP to her at [bencssry@aol.com](mailto:bencssry@aol.com) so we can get an accurate head count to Quail in advance of each meeting.

**Sponsorship Opportunities.** In addition to the sponsors above, Gould Cooksey Fennell and Lawn & LeBlanc have each offered to sponsor one meeting, leaving **two available dinner sponsorship opportunities.** Sponsoring a meeting is a great way to support IREPC and have your organization recognized by the local estate planning community, and we greatly appreciate your support! Sponsors are listed on the website, recognized as a presenting sponsor the day of the event, given the opportunity to talk about their organization prior to the speaker's address. Also, if your organization wishes to have a speaker present on an estate planning topic of value to our membership, sponsoring the dinner for that speaker makes for a great pairing showcase for your organization. If you are interested in sponsoring an event for the 2024-25 season, please reach out to me or one of our Board members for more details. Thanks very much to all of our sponsors, without whom these events are not possible.

**Current Board Members and Officers.** I would like to thank our immediate past president, Justin Larson, for leading us last year! Under his leadership we had a significant uptick in membership!

I would also like to say thank you to our 2024-2025 Board Members and Officers:

President:	Eva Lauer (Lauer Law)
Vice President:	Stephanie LeBlanc (Lawn & LeBlanc)

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Treasurer:	Eva Lauer (Lauer Law)
Secretary:	Samia Bennouna (Gould Cooksey Fennell)
Immediate Past President:	Justin Larson (Gould Cooksey Fennell)
• Board Member:	Jim Beindorf (SpirePoint)
• Board Member:	Taylor Kennedy Lubas (Collins Brown)
• Board Member:	Will Schlitt (Offutt Barton Schlitt)
• Board Member:	Jeff Pickering (Indian River Community Foundation)
• Board Member:	Nick Bruce (Bruce Estate Law)
• Board Member:	Gloria Nicely (PNC)
• Board Member:	Melissa Weaver (Northern Trust)
• Board Member:	Beckett Horner (Block & Scarpa)
• Board Member:	Richard Johnson (Emeritus)

**If you are interested in joining the IREPC Board, or know a dynamic colleague who may be interested, please let us know!** We are always looking for fresh energy and new perspectives on our Board, and we welcome your qualified nominations and volunteers!

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me, any of the other board members, or Blanche Necessary. You may also visit our website at [www.irepc.org](http://www.irepc.org) for more information about our organization, as well as future updates regarding member meetings and events.

Thanks so much, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,



Eva Lauer, President (2024-2025)