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Tae Kelley Bronner earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1991 and her Juris Doctor degree with honors from Stetson College of Law in 1994. She is the sole shareholder of the Tae Kelley Bronner, PL law firm located in north Tampa, Florida. She limits her practice to wills, trusts and estate planning and administration, guardianships, and litigation involving wills trusts, estates and guardianships.

Ms. Bronner previously practiced with a mid-sized and then a small law firm, but decided in 2005 to start her own solo law firm with the belief that she could provide more customized and personal service to her clients. It also gave her more flexibility, because in addition to the full time practice of law, she is a full time mother to her two daughters, ages 8 and 11, and wife to her husband, Eric, an executive with a power company based in Tampa, Florida.

She enjoys a family heritage of Florida lawyers spanning nearly a century, beginning with her great grandfather who moved his practice from New Mexico to Ft. Lauderdale in 1912, her grandfather who opened his practice in Ft. Lauderdale in 1941, her father, Rohan Kelley, who began practice with his father in 1965 and still practices there, and 2 younger brothers who practice in Ft. Lauderdale and St. Augustine, respectively. Family gatherings in this family understandably involve extensive discussions of esoteric legal issues.

Tae, like her father and her brothers, are active in the upper levels of the bar, where she presently serves as chairperson of the Probate Law and Procedure committee of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) section of The Florida Bar. This committee is comprised of more than 100 of the best and brightest lawyers in Florida who practice in this substantive area of the law and it is charged with reviewing, revising and writing the laws governing wills, inheritance, homestead and probate of estates in Florida courts. After writing and thorough study, the proposed laws are submitted by Ms. Bronner's committee to the Florida Legislature for adoption. In this position, she follows her father, who chaired that committee between 1999 and 2001 (when Tae served as a vice chair).

She is one of the youngest lawyers who has ever served as chairperson of that committee but her extensive knowledge and experience in this area of the law and her outstanding reputation among her

peers resulted in her appointment to this leadership position. In addition, she is immediate past Co-chair of the Membership Diversity committee of the RPPTL section of The Florida Bar, and in that capacity was recognized by the President of The Florida Bar for her efforts in encouraging and promoting minority participation in this area of the legal practice.

Tae was tasked by RPPTL section leadership in 2008 to develop and create a Fellowship program to identify, attract, train and develop future leadership for the section. In its first year, the program had over 100 applicants for 4 funded fellowship positions. She continues to serve as the Co-chair of the Fellowship committee and lead the program. In 2008, she was also appointed by the president of The Florida Bar as a member of The Florida Bar Probate Rules Committee. In 2009, she was recognized by the Chairperson of the RPPTL section as one of only two lawyers, of more than 10,000 who are members of the RPPTL section, as an "Up and Comer" in the leadership of that section. She also serves on the executive council of the RPPTL section.

Tae is an author of the following articles and a chapter of a practice manual published by The Florida Bar:

- Chapter 19 "Homestead and Exempt Personal Property" (principal author and co-author with her father, Rohan Kelley) of Practice Under Florida Probate Code (5th edition 2007) published by The Florida Bar.
- Homestead Made Easy, 1995 June and July/August issues of the Florida Bar Journal, (co-author with her father, Rohan Kelley).

She is presently working with her father as co-author on revisions to The Florida Bar Probate System, published by The Florida Bar, which is the definitive work on Florida probate practice and procedure. It is expected to be completed and republished in its 4th edition in 2009. In addition, Lexis-Nexis will publish and distribute this work as a computer program under the title "The Kelley Probate System."

In addition to writing professional articles and material to help other lawyers refine their practice and techniques in this area of the law, she also lectures to legal audiences. She has lectured on numerous topics under the sponsorship of The Florida Bar and the Florida Legal Education Association (FLEA) and various local bar associations and estate planning councils.

She is recognized as one of the state's leading legal experts on the many faces of Florida homestead.