



CHRIS BAIRD

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INFORMATION:

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EXPERIENCE:

Chris Baird joined Thornton Oliver Keller in 2018 after moving back to his native Boise, following a successful 24 year career in aviation.

During college, Chris competed for and was subsequently awarded a pilot position and commission in the United States Marine Corps. He was winged as a Naval Aviator in 1996 after successfully completing advanced jet training, and assigned to fly the F/A-18C Hornet in Miramar California. He served over 12 years in active duty service, and 8 years in the reserves achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He participated in 4 aircraft carrier deployments worldwide, with over 1,000 carrier landings, including combat operations in support of Operation Southern Watch in Iraq, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.

Chris was selected to attend Top Gun (Navy Fighter Weapons School), and after graduating became an instructor and the primary Carrier Air Wing Strike Lead. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and 2 Strike Air Medals.

Chris was then hired by Cathay Pacific Airways, and flew as a commercial airline pilot for 10 years. He piloted Boeing 747 and 777 aircraft with up to 400 passengers, throughout the Americas and worldwide.

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EDUCATION:

Chris holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and Pre Law from the University of Idaho. He is also a graduate of Navy Fighter Weapons School (TopGun), Weapons Tactics Instructor Course (MAWTS 1), and Landing Signal Officer School.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Chris moved back to Boise three years ago, and is excited to join the commercial real estate professionals at Thornton Oliver Keller. Under the mentorship of Devin Pierce, he looks forward to having an active role in shaping his local community.

He is an active member of many organizations and activities to include:

- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Tailhook Association
- AOPA
- Miracle Babies Foundation of Southern California
- High school volunteer football coach in Southern California
- YMCA Youth Basketball Coach

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Chris enjoys a range of outdoor activities and sports, including hunting, fly fishing, skiing, mountain biking and golf. He lives in Southeast Boise with his wife Melanie and sons Leo and Crew.