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# **EDUCATION**

Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediating the Litigated Case, Malibu, California 2018

Juris Doctorate, California Western School of Law, San Diego, California 1984
Magna Cum Laude
Class Standing - 2/221
Law Review
Head Notes and Comments Editor, 1983-1984
Staff Writer, 1982-1983

B.A., Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey 1980 Academic Dean's List

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Litigation**. Extensive federal court civil litigation experience. Advise, negotiate, and draft litigation documentation involving ERISA/employee benefit plan issues, including fiduciary liability, preemption of various state statutes and early retirement benefits. Available as a mediator or arbitrator in ERISA/employee benefit plan matters.

**Tax-Qualified Plans**. Design and implement all types of tax-qualified plans. Work includes representation before IRS, DOL, and PBGC. Issues range from discrimination in coverage and benefits to permitted disparity, Section 415 limits, deduction of contributions, merger and spin-off plans, plan termination and taxation of distributions (inclusive of IRA rollover and related issues). Significant experience in the implementation of ESOPs and ESOP transactions.

Executive Compensation. Design and implement equity-based compensation arrangements, including stock option plans, restricted stock, performance share and other performance-based arrangements. Advise regarding federal tax issues applicable to compensation arrangements, including constructive receipt, economic benefit, and Sections 83, 162(m), and 280G. Draft and advise with respect to executive employment contracts, including parachute payments and noncompete provisions. Negotiate executive severance arrangements. Design security arrangements for executive benefits.

**Mergers/Acquisitions/Dispositions**. Negotiate, advise, and conduct due diligence related to benefit aspects of business mergers, acquisitions and dispositions. Deal with issues related to parachute payments, severance pay, tax-qualified plan mergers and spin-offs, ESOP termination, and executive compensation.

General Business and Transactional Counseling. Serve all types of business entities and provide most types of business counseling and transactional documents. Services include business entity formation, operational issues of all types, merger, reorganization, dissolution, tax planning and

controversy; structuring and documentation of business transactions; business succession and executive compensation planning.

# PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

October 1998 Butterfield Schechter LLP, San Diego, California

to Present Attorney/Partner

March 1994 Hinchy, Witte, Wood, Anderson & Hodges, San Diego, California

to October 1998 Attorney

1984 Miller, Ewald, Monson, Hoshaw & Schechter, San Diego, California

to March 1994 Attorney/Partner

# **BAR ADMISSIONS**

1984, California; 1985, New Jersey and U.S. Tax Court; 1984, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California; U.S. District Court, Central District of California; 1996, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; 2000, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; 2001, U.S. Supreme Court; 2009, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

San Diego County Bar Association (Member, Taxation Law Section and Sports and Entertainment Section); State Bar of California; The ESOP Association of America (Member; Former Member, Legislative and Regulatory Advisory Committee); Western Pension and Benefits Conference