

## Jim Clarke

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### EXPERIENCE

**Jim is a shareholder in the Firm's Tax & Corporate groups.**

His practice focuses on Business Transactions, Tax Planning and Dispute Resolution, Transactional Tax, and business planning matters in connection with mergers and acquisitions; structuring and choice of entity planning in connections with business formations; buy-outs; equity financings; reorganizations, acquisitions, business dispositions, and succession planning involving corporate (including nonprofit) and pass-through business entities, and client representation in federal, state and local tax controversy matters.

As part of his executive compensation practice, Jim combines his corporate and tax specialties to work with businesses in the planning and implementation of key employee compensation arrangements; including stock and synthetic equity performance incentives, deferred compensation plans, stock option plans, stock appreciation rights, and phantom stock option plans.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate

Corporate Governance

Healthcare

Mergers & Acquisitions

Nonprofit Organizations

Tax

### BAR ADMISSIONS

California

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Federal Court, Eastern

District of California

U.S. Tax Court

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### EDUCATION

J.D., with distinction,  
University of the Pacific,  
McGeorge School of Law,  
1988

LL.M., with great distinction,  
University of the Pacific,  
McGeorge School of Law,  
1989

*Order of the Coif*

*Traynor Honor Society*

B.A., with honors, University  
of Alberta, Canada, 1984

### AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS

Sacramento County Bar Association, Tax Section – Executive Committee  
Member

State Bar of California – Business Law, Employee Benefits and Tax Sections

Meritas Law Firms Worldwide  
*Member*

### **Awards**

*Sacramento Magazine's* Top Lawyers List, 2015-2022 – Tax

*Sacramento Magazine's* Top Lawyers List, 2022 – Business/Corporate

*Sacramento Business Journal's* Best of the Bar, 2018-2019

The Best Lawyers in America®, 2013-2021, 2023, Tax Law

The Best Lawyers in America®, 2006-2023, Litigation & Controversy

Northern California Super Lawyers® 2013-2022