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## Practice Focus

Mr. Gilbert has practiced exclusively in the field of employee benefits law for more than 30 years. Richard advises employers, trustees, public pension funds, and financial institutions on the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA and public pension law, as well as the design and implementation of numerous types of 401(k), retirement and executive benefit plans. He also has vast knowledge in the ERISA aspects of a wide variety of complex investment instruments.

Richard served as lead counsel in obtaining key ERISA exemptions permitting pension plan assets to be invested in credit card trust certificates for large, publicly-traded companies. He also acted as lead or co-lead counsel in the issuance of the ERISA class exemption that first permitted pension plan assets to be invested in mortgage-backed pass-through certificates (in 1981) and the expansions of the successor "underwriter's exemptions" to broaden the market for subordinate asset-backed pass-through certificates to include ERISA-subject insurance company general accounts (in 1995) and pension plans generally (in 2000).

Richard has advised large private equity and public pension funds on the fiduciary aspects of their investments. He has also provided ERISA advice to sponsors of a wide variety of venture capital, real estate, leveraged buy-out, and other private equity investment funds. In addition, he served for more than a decade as primary outside counsel on fiduciary investment matters for major corporate-sponsored and public pension funds.

## Professional Involvement

- Western Pension & Benefits Conference
- American Bar Association AIDS Coordinating Committee (2004-2009)
- American Bar Association: Section of Taxation, Committee on Employee Benefits, Fiduciary Responsibility Subcommittee (Chair, 1991-1994)

## Professional Career

- Trucker ♦ Huss (2010 – Present)
- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (1980 – 2010)
- Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison (1977 – 1980)
- Thompson Hine (1974 – 1977)

## About Trucker ♦ Huss

Trucker Huss is the largest employee benefits specialty law firm on the West Coast. We provide services to clients nationwide and are dedicated to handling the most sophisticated issues with responsive and high level service.

With more than 25 attorneys practicing solely in employee benefits law, our in-depth knowledge and wealth of experience on all issues confronting benefit plans, plan sponsors, and plan fiduciaries translates into real-world, practical solutions for our clients—backed by the resources to handle the most complex or the most straightforward assignments.



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*Yale University*

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