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EDUCATION

LL.M. (Tax), with honors, 1991

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
Chicago, Illinois

J.D., 1986

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
Chicago, Illinois

B.A., with high honors, 1983

Elmhurst University

Elmhurst, Illinois

in Political Science and Urban Studies, [double major],

Criminology minor

Elmhurst, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2023 – Present

Counsel

Trucker Huss, APC

San Francisco, California

2017 – 2023

Of Counsel

Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld

2013 – 2017

Attorney

The Burton Law Firm

2007 – 2013

Senior Attorney

Chang, Ruthenberg & Long

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, State Bar of California

State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization Certified

Specialist in Taxation Law, 2017

Member, State Bar of Illinois, 1986

Member, Sacramento County Bar Association, Business,
Labor and Employment, and Tax Law Sections

Member, National Institute of Pension Administrators

Past President, Sacramento Chapter of Western Pension &
Benefits Council

Past President, Sacramento Chapter of National Institute of
Pension Administrators

Past Chair, Sacramento County Bar Association Tax Section

Past Chair, Chicago Bar Association, Taxation Committee's
Exempt Organization Division

Past Chair, Chicago Bar Association, Trade & Professional
Associations Law Committee

Past Chair, CBA Employee Benefits Committee's Executive
Compensation Subcommittee

Past Chair, CBA Employee Benefits Committee's ERISA
Litigation Subcommittee

Impact Foundry, Faculty Member



Scott E. Galbreath leads the Executive and Equity Compensation Practice Team. He has more than 30 years of experience representing employers in ERISA, employee benefits, and executive compensation matters.

Scott's extensive experience includes working with clients on all types of nonqualified deferred compensation plans, supplemental executive retirement plans, 457(b) and 457(f) plans for executives of tax-exempt organizations, equity and synthetic equity plans, such as restricted stock and phantom stock or stock appreciation rights, golden parachutes, and change-in-control and severance arrangements. He also assists clients with Internal Revenue Code section 83(b) and 409A compliance and correcting qualified plan and nonqualified plan compliance errors under IRS and Department of Labor remedial programs.

After practicing for 20 years in Chicago, where he was recognized as an Illinois Leading Lawyer and chaired the Chicago Bar Association's Executive Compensation Subcommittee, Scott moved to California, where he has served as Chair of the Sacramento County Bar Association's Tax Section, as well as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the Western Pension & Benefits Council. He continues to serve on the Board of the WP&BC Sacramento Chapter. He has also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Governing Board of the Western Pension & Benefits Council and as a board member of the Sacramento Chapter of the National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA). He served as President of the Sacramento Chapter of NIPA and instituted its merger into the Sacramento Chapter of Western Pension & Benefits Council. Since 2023, Scott has served on the planning committee for the WP&BC's annual Western Benefit Conference. Scott is a Fellow of the highly selective American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, and serves on that organization's student writing competition. He is a frequent writer and speaker on new developments in employee benefits. He is the author of The Benefit of Benefits blog, which is an online resource for information and commentary on new legislative, regulatory, and industry developments in employee benefits and executive compensation.

Scott has been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America since 2024 in the area of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law. He was also named a Super Lawyer in Northern California Super Lawyers 2021-2025 for excellence in employee benefits law. Scott was named a Top Lawyer for Employee Benefits (2015-2017 and 2020-2022) and a Top Lawyer for Tax (2021) in the lists published by Sacramento Magazine. Scott is also recognized by Martindale-Hubbell as an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated lawyer and a Certified Specialist in Taxation by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization since 2017.

ABOUT TRUCKER HUSS

With more than 30 legal professionals practicing solely in employee benefits law, Trucker Huss is one of the largest employee benefits specialty law firms in the country. Our in-depth knowledge and breadth of experience on all issues confronting employee benefit plans, and their sponsors, fiduciaries and service providers, translate into real-world, practical solutions for our clients.