

# Craig P. Hoffman

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### EDUCATION

**LL.M. Taxation , 1981**

Levin College of Law  
University of Florida

**J.D., 1979**

Levin College of Law  
University of Florida

**BA./B.S., 1976**

University of Florida

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

**2019 – Present**

Counsel  
Trucker Huss

**2009 – 2019**

General Counsel  
American Retirement Association  
Arlington, Virginia

**1990-2009**

General Counsel  
Relius Division, SunGard (now FIS)  
Jacksonville, Florida

**1985-1990**

Assistant General Counsel  
Relius Division, SunGard (now FIS)  
Jacksonville, Florida

**1983-1985**

Associate Attorney  
Commander, Legler, Weber, Dawes, and Sadler  
Jacksonville, Florida

**1981-1983**

Associate Attorney  
Akerman, Senterfitt and Edison  
Orlando, Florida

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, Florida Bar Association  
Member, Board of Directors, Small Business Council of America  
Fellow, American College of Employee Benefits Counsel  
Member, American Retirement Association/American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries  
Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008, National Association of Pension Administrators  
Member, National Association of Pension Administrators  
Past President, American Retirement Association/American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries  
Past Member, Board of Directors, American Retirement Association/American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries  
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Pension Benefits  
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Pensions Management  
Member, Florida State Bar  
Past Charter Member, IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Governmental Entities  
Past Co-Chairperson, Government Affairs Committee, American Retirement Association/American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries

Craig's practice focuses on federal tax and ERISA matters relating to the design, implementation and operation of tax-qualified retirement plans. He has over thirty-five years' experience working in this area.

Before joining Trucker Huss, Craig most recently served as General Counsel for the American Retirement Association, ("ARA"), a national organization of over 20,000 members who provide actuarial, consulting, administrative, legal, investment and other professional services for qualified retirement plans and tax-sheltered annuities. At ARA, Craig's responsibilities included acting as Director of Regulatory Affairs where he interacted with high ranking officials at the Treasury Department, the Department of Labor and the IRS on matters of retirement policy. Craig also spent time on Capitol Hill meeting with members of Congress and their staff. He had previously served ARA as President, a member of the Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Government Affairs Committee and Co-Chair of the Political Action Committee. Prior to joining ARA, Craig served for over 19 years as General Counsel to the Relius division of SunGard which is now part of Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. ("FIS").

Craig has testified before Congress on tax and pension matters and was an expert speaker at the first Saver Summit, jointly sponsored by the White House and Congress. In addition, Craig has spoken at numerous meetings on the subject of qualified pension and retirement plans, including: the American Retirement Association Annual Meeting; the Western Benefits Conference; the National Institute of Pension Administrators Annual Conference; the Los Angeles Benefits Conference; the Enrolled Actuaries Annual Conference; the Creative Pension Seminar sponsored by the Ohio State University College of Law; and the UMKC Law School Annual Employee Benefits Institute.

Craig was a charter member of the first IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Governmental Entities. He was awarded the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Institute of Pension Administrators. He has been a Fellow in the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel for over 15 years. Presently, Craig serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Pension Benefits* (Wolters Kluwer) and the *Journal of Pensions Management* (Henry Stewart Publications). Craig's articles have been featured in numerous publications, including: the *Plan Consultant*; *ASPPA-Connect*; the *Journal of Compensation and Benefits*; the *Journal of Pension Benefits*; *Pension and Benefits Week*; *Pension World*; and *RIA Pension Alert*.

### ABOUT TRUCKER HUSS

With more than 25 attorneys 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.