

## Overview

Steven L. Walker is a tax attorney based in San Jose, California, with over 30 years of experience representing clients in complex tax matters. He advises individuals and businesses on federal, state, and local tax controversies, including audits, appeals, litigation, and collections. His practice includes both civil and criminal tax matters, with a focus on international tax compliance, voluntary disclosures, and offshore issues.

Steven also handles state tax matters before the California Franchise Tax Board, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, the Employment Development Department, and the Office of Tax Appeals. Additionally, he offers guidance to clients, attorneys, and professionals on bankruptcy-related tax issues. Known for his personable approach, he combines skilled advocacy with deep technical knowledge.

Before founding his own firm in 2010, Steven was a Partner at the international law firm McDermott, Will & Emery in Palo Alto, an Associate General Counsel for a publicly traded technology company in Silicon Valley, and an associate at White & Case LLP. He is a former attorney at the IRS Office of Chief Counsel and worked at the California Franchise Tax Board. He is highly regarded by clients and respected by government officials for achieving successful results.

## Government Experience

Mr. Walker is a former IRS attorney at the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, where he furnished legal advice and representation to the IRS on all matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the Internal Revenue laws, including audits, administrative appeals, collections, and federal and state litigation. He is a recipient of the IRS Special Act Award.

## Experience, Awards, and Recognition

- **Certified Specialist in Taxation Law** by the California Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of California
- **Adjunct Professor of Law at University of San Francisco** in the LLM (Taxation) program where Mr. Walker teaches a course in the post-doctorate program, civil and criminal tax penalties.
- **Former Chair of the Taxation Section of the California Lawyers Association** (formerly known as the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California).
- Former **attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service** in San Jose, California. Mr. Walker is the recipient of the **IRS Special Act Award**, which he

received while working as an attorney at the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

- **Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel**, an extraordinary group of America's very best tax attorneys. Membership is reserved for those leaders who have made an exceptional contribution to their chosen profession. Fellows must be nominated for the honor of membership and must then undergo a rigorous screening process prior to being elected as Fellows of the College.
- Admitted to practice before the **United States Tax Court**; over 18 civil tax trials and 13 published United States Tax Court cases.
- Recipient of the **AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™**, the gold standard in attorney rating. Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™ recognize lawyers for their strong legal ability and high ethical standards. An elite group of approximately 10 percent of all attorneys holds an AV Preeminent Rating, a designation trusted worldwide by buyers and referrers of legal services. AV Preeminent® is the highest peer rating standard. This rating signifies that a large number of the lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal knowledge, communication skills and ethical standards.
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