

## **Ernest James Krtil**

Partner

“The practice of law is continually stimulating and the assistance I provide my clients is very gratifying.”

### **About Ernest James Krtil**

Ernest James Krtil is a partner at Wilke Fleury. Jim received his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, and his LL.M. in Taxation from McGeorge School of Law. Jim’s practice emphasizes business law including mergers and acquisitions, nonprofit organization law and taxation, as well as estate planning and probate and trust administration, including trust and estate disputes.

### **Practice Areas**

- Business Entities & Transactions
- Estate Planning, Probate & Trusts
- Real Estate
- Tax

### **Education**

- University of the Pacific: LL.M. Taxation (1983)
- University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law: J.D. (1980)
- California State University, Sacramento: B.A. (1977)

### **Professional Experience**

During his more than 30 years of practice with the firm, Jim has assisted hundreds of clients with their business and estate planning matters, from young fledgling families and businesses just starting out to businesses and estates exceeding \$100,000,000. Jim has also had the pleasure of assisting many clients resolve business and trust disputes, either prior to litigation or after commencement of litigation but prior to trial.

### **Representative Matters**

In one continuing representation, Jim has assisted one family with estate planning and business legal matters for over 30 years involving four generations of the family. Jim also recently successfully settled a highly contested trust dispute that spanned a period of more than eight years.

### **Licenses and Admissions**

Jim is admitted to practice before the following courts:

- The State of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States Tax Court

### **Memberships**

- Sacramento County Bar Association
  - Member of Taxation Section, Estate Planning and Probate Section and Business Law Section
  - Chair of Business, Corporate and Tax Committee, Conference of Delegates (1989 and 1990)
  - Co-Chair of Business, Corporate and Tax Committee, Conference of Delegates (1992)
  - Chairman of Taxation Section (1986-1987)
- Sacramento Estate Planning Council

- President (2001-2002)
- Treasurer (1997-1998)
- Secretary (1998-1999)
- Vice President (1999-2000)

### **Presentations and Publications**

Jim is co-author of "Affiliated Service Groups Under Section 414(m)," *Taxes - The Tax Magazine*, August 1983, which was reprinted in *Professional Corporations Handbook*, published by Commerce Clearing House.

He also has authored articles for other publications, including *Sacramento Medicine* magazine.

Jim has given presentations on numerous legal subjects including estate planning, estate and gift taxation, and partnership formation.

### **Honors and Awards**

- Sacramento Estate Planning Council: Life Member
- Northern California Super Lawyer numerous years from 2008 to the present
- AV Rated Lawyer as Designated by Martindale Hubbell

### **Civic and Community Involvement**

- TAHO Treasurer and Board Member
- Sutter Club Finance Committee
- Active at Sacred Heart Church

### **Personal**

Jim lives in the east Sacramento neighborhood where he grew up, continuing to enjoy the company of many of his childhood friends and meeting new neighbors.