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Practice Groups

- Corporate
- Trusts & Estate Planning
- Gift Tax Exemption
- Powers of Attorney
- Same Sex Relationships
- Health Care
- Business Succession Planning
- Insurance Trusts
- QPRTs
- Specialized Trusts
- Tax Planning
- Guardianships
- Irrevocable Trusts
- Revocable Living Trusts
- Trust Administration

Biography

Michael Hackman is a Certified Specialist in Tax Law as designated by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization program. The Los Angeles attorney first earned, and has since maintained, this certification in 1977.

Mr. Hackman is the Chair of our Firm’s Tax Planning, and Trusts & Estate Planning Practice Groups.

He represents high-profile business entities and individuals in tax and business succession matters.

As a tax attorney, Mr. Hackman’s business law practice focuses on restructuring corporate entities and limited liability companies; and negotiating complex medical facility and hospital sales involving aspects of both commercial and health care law in multi-state transactions.

Mr. Hackman has guided clients through multi-billion dollar transactions – all executed with an eye to the most tax beneficial outcome for the client. He represents:

- Commercial Property Developers & Owners

- Corporations, Family Businesses, Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies & Sole Proprietorships
- Employers Providing Benefits & Retirement Packages
- Executives Earning Complex Benefits Packages
- Hospital and Medical Practitioner Groups
- Non-Profit Organizations

The California estate attorney engenders potential savings in thousands or even millions of dollars for his estate planning clients as well. Mr. Hackman takes advantage of the latest laws in tax, gift planning and trusts, to the benefit of both the clients and their heirs.

Mr. Hackman received his law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, after being elected to the *Order of the Coif* and receiving *American Jurisprudence Awards* in Income Tax, Corporations and Legal Ethics. Following law school, the Los Angeles tax lawyer served for one year as a consultant to the California State Assembly Ways and Means Committee. He has practiced law since 1968, specializing in taxation, business and health care law, and became a Shareholder of our Firm in 1973.

A graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut with a major in economics, Mr. Hackman received a Masters degree in Business Administration from Stanford University in 1964. He ranked in the top ten percent of his class.

Mr. Hackman has assisted in the preparation of several publications covering health care and is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association. The Los Angeles attorney is a member of the State Bar of California and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Central District of California. He is also a member of several regional and local bar associations and their Tax and/or Estate Planning Sections.

Rated *AV 5.0 Preeminent* by Martindale Hubbell – the highest rating for legal ability and ethics – Mr. Hackman is also named a *Best Lawyer in America* for Tax Law, by *Best Lawyers Magazine*, each year since 2019. He has been designated a*Southern California Super Lawyer* by *Super Lawyers Magazine*, and has been named one of the *Nation's Top Attorneys in Business opens in a new window* in *Super Lawyers Business Edition,* for tax law.

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Publications & Seminars

- Co-Author, Change of Ownership: What Triggers a Property Tax Reassessment? - Valley Lawyer, a San Fernando Valley Bar Association Publication, MCLE Article October 2012
- Co-Author, Gifts that Keep on Giving: The 411 of Gift Taxation - Valley Lawyer, a San Fernando Valley Bar Association Publication, April 2012
- Author, *The Affordable Care Act: Tax Provisions on the Way* - San Fernando Valley Business Journal, March 5, 2012
- Co-Author, *Tips on QPRTS -- Qualified Personal Residence Trusts Offer Tax Advantages* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association's BarNotes Publication, March 2007
- Co-Author, *WHO ARE YOU? And More Importantly, Why Are You Claiming To Be Me? Identity Theft Prevention is the Key to Protection* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association's BarNotes Publication, July/August 2006
- Co-Author, *Planning for the Future Success of Your Business: Succession and Exit Strategies* - San Fernando Valley Business Journal, March 27, 2006
- Co-Author, *Family Business Planning for the Future* - San Fernando Valley Business Journal, March 28, 2005

SEMINARS

- Co-Presenter, Year-End Tax & Estate Planning - MCLE & CPE accredited Seminar Series, annual presentation
- Co-Presenter, Tax & Estate Planning 2013: Stability at Last? - MCLE & CPE accredited Seminar Series, February 2012
- Co-Presenter, The $5.12 Million Gift Tax Exemption: Estate Planning Opportunities Expiring December 31 - MCLE credited Seminar Series, September 2012
- Co-Presenter, Good Business: Wealth Management & Estate Planning - MCLE credited Seminar Series, May 2012
- Co-Presenter, *Tax & Estate Planning Q&A: The New Law* - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, April 2011

- Co-Presenter, *Current Issues for Professional Firms* - MCLE credited Seminar Series, ongoing

Awards

- ***Best Lawyers: Tax Law* by Best Lawyers Magazine, 2019 - present**
- ***AV Rating of 5.0 Preeminent***, Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating awarded by peers of the bar and judiciary for legal ability and ethics.
- ***American Jurisprudence Awards***in Corporations, Income Tax and Legal Ethics.
- ***Southern California Super Lawyer: Tax Law***, *Super Lawyers Magazine*
- ***Top Attorneys in Business, the U.S. and London*** - *Super Lawyers Business Edition*

Education

UCLA School of Law

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- Juris Doctor (1967)
- Order of the Coif

Stanford Graduate School of Business

- Master of Business Administration (1964)
- Top 10% of Class
- Editor, Business School Newspaper

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics (1962)
- Dean's List
- Sports Editor, School Newspaper