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EDUCATION

J. D., 1988
University of California, Davis
King Hall School of Law

B.A., 1985
University of Iowa

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2016 – Present
Director,
Trucker Huss
(Special Counsel prior to 2018)
Los Angeles, CA

2011 - 2016
Of Counsel,
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP,
Los Angeles, CA

1990 – 2011
Partner,
Reish & Reicher,
Los Angeles, CA

1988 – 1990
Associate
Lynberg & Watkins
Los Angeles, CA

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & AFFILIATIONS

Member, The State Bar of California

Member, The ESOP Association

Member, American Society of Pension
Professionals and Actuaries

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Member, National Conference on Employee
Ownership

Joe has been litigating ERISA matters and other employee benefit related cases for over 25 years. His litigation experience runs the gamut, and includes defending actions for breach of fiduciary duty against retirement plan sponsors, administrators, trustees and other fiduciaries, claims for benefits against retirement plans, disability insurance plans, health insurance plans and life insurance plans and claims against surety bond companies.

He has represented trustees in contentious claims involving multiple employer welfare arrangements (MEWAs). He has defended internal trustees and independent trustees in actions involving employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) transactions brought by plan participants and by the United States Department of Labor. In a recent high-profile ESOP litigation matter, Joe's work was instrumental in bringing about a settlement, on the eve of trial, for a fraction of the plaintiff's original demand. Joe also has significant experience representing plan sponsors and fiduciaries in connection with investigations by the DOL's Employee Benefit Security Administration, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Joe has also represented numerous employee benefit plan service providers, such as third party administrators, actuaries, registered investment advisers and insurance carriers. He brings a practical approach to the negotiation of service provider agreements.

In addition to his litigation practice, Joe actively counsels clients regarding risk management and insurance coverage issues, and, in the employee benefit context, helps clients comply with applicable Department of Labor regulations.

For several years before joining Trucker Huss, Joe was the senior West Coast ERISA litigator at a large national firm, and for many years before that was a partner in a prominent Southern California law firm where he focused his practice in ERISA and employee benefits litigation issues. He has been named a Southern California "Super Lawyer" in the area of employee benefits several years running. He is admitted to practice in California, the Supreme Court of the United States, the Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits, all California U.S. District Courts and the District of Colorado.

Joe is a frequent speaker on ERISA and employee benefits litigation subjects, and has written numerous articles and white papers on topics of interest to benefit plan sponsors, fiduciaries and service providers.

He was recently featured in the Law360 article "9th Circ. Likely Won't Have Last Word On ERISA Arbitration" covering the latest developments on arbitration clauses in ERISA litigation cases.

ABOUT TRUCKER HUSS

With more than 25 attorneys practicing solely in employee benefits law, Trucker Huss is the largest employee benefits specialty law firm outside of Washington, D.C.

Our in-depth knowledge and breadth of experience on all issues confronting benefit plans, plan sponsors, and plan fiduciaries translates into real-world, practical solutions for our clients—backed by the resources to handle the most complex or the most straightforward matters.

