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Areas of Focus

- Business Litigation
- Tax

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Trent advises clients on both federal and state and local tax (SALT) issues. As a former attorney at the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel, he is particularly experienced in handling and resolving IRS audits for both individuals and entities. He also represents clients in California tax controversy matters, including administrative hearings, California Franchise Tax Board audits, and California Office of Tax Appeals hearings.

In addition, Trent is experienced in qualified small business stock (QSBS) and related IRC section 1202 issues. He assists international clients with IRS compliance issues and voluntary disclosures, and has experience advising public agency clients on obtaining available federal tax credits and navigating SALT issues. Furthermore, he has published articles on a variety of tax topics and has had his work featured in Law360.

Publications

"California and IRS Provide Tax Relief to Citizens of Los Angeles County Following Wildfires," author, Tax Legal Alert (January 2025)

"Tech CEO Tax Ruling A Cautionary Tale For Forward Contracts," author, *Law360* (January 2024)

"Tax Court Decision Says Think Twice Before Amending Your Variable Prepaid Forward Contract," co-author, Tax Insights & Analysis (December 2023)

“From Present to Past Tense? California Signs Bill Making “ING” Trusts Taxable,” co-author, Tax Insights & Analysis (August 2023)

“Matter of Nag and Rudd - Deal Considerations for Founders with QSBS,” co-author, Tax Legal Alert (April 2023)

Presentations

“After the Fire-Rebuilding Financial Resilience,” panelist, Morgan Stanley Webinar (March 2025)

Academic Distinctions

Disability Law Journal at UCLA, Articles Editor

Masin Family Academic Excellence Silver Award for Constitutional Law I

Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (2021)

B.A., University of California, Davis (2018)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Tax Court