

## Kernan A. Hand, Jr.



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### Practice Areas

- Estate Planning & Probate
- Federal & State Income Tax
- Foreign Income Tax
- General Business
- IRS Examinations & Controversies
- Local & State Sales & Use Tax
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Taxation - Federal, State & Local

Kerry Hand is a partner in the firm and specializes in income tax and strategic planning at the federal, state and international levels; trust and estate planning; corporate law; and wealth preservation. Kerry is a Board Certified Tax Specialist as certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization.

Kerry represents clients in a variety of commercial transactions, including reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, and real estate. He represents companies doing business throughout Louisiana, Texas and Florida. Kerry also practices in the area of elder law and advises on disability planning and Medicaid eligibility. He is experienced in the preparation of special needs trusts for disabled individuals.

Kerry has successfully represented clients before the United States Tax Court and the Board of Tax Appeals.

Kerry is a founding member and former Secretary-Treasurer of the Arts, Entertainment and Sports Law Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association. He is experienced in tax issues affecting the film and television industry. He has advised clients seeking to qualify for and acquire movie and infrastructure tax credits.

Kerry is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association, New Orleans Estate Planning Council, Louisiana State Bar Association and several civic and local organizations.

As a speaker, Kerry has made presentations to the Houston Income and Franchise Tax Committee, the Northshore Estate Planning Council and various groups of certified public accountants and life insurance and financial planning professionals. Kerry is a featured speaker at the firm's annual C.P.A. seminar discussing topics ranging from income tax planning, estate planning, asset protection strategies and federal and state tax incentive programs.

### Bar Admissions

- Louisiana, 1999

### Education

- Tulane University, A.B. Freeman School of Business, B. S. Accounting, 1992
- Loyola University School of Law, J.D. 1998
- Corpus Juris Secundum Award; Law Excellence Awards: Federal Civil Procedure, Louisiana Civil Procedure, Taxation of Pass-Thru Entities, Legal Accounting
- University of Florida, Levin College of Law, L.L.M. Taxation 2000

### Noteworthy

- Certified Public Accountant, inactive
- Louisiana State Bar Association, Tax Law Section
- Past Treasurer, Art, Entertainment & Sports Law Section, Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Estate Planning Council
- Alliance for Good Government, Awards Committee Chairman
- American Bar Association, Section of Taxation
- Young Leadership Council
- East Jefferson Business Association
- Jefferson Parish Executive Committee
- Krewe of Endymion, member
- Offshore Marine Services Association

### **Presentations**

- Northshore Estate Planning Council
- Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer CPA Seminar
- Baldwin Haspel Trust Seminar
- Greater New Orleans Association of Life Underwriters
- Louisiana Tax Incentives for Businesses

### **Publications**

- American Jobs Creation Act of 2004
- School Daze: Tax Advantaged Ways to Finance a Child's Education
- American Jobs Creation Act of 2004
- Louisiana Tax Incentives for Filming