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PRACTICE PROFILE

Ernest J. Kim, Esq. is Certified by the State Bar of California as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate law, and has been in practice for over twenty (20) years. To become a certified specialist, an attorney must demonstrate a high level of expertise and have been favorably evaluated by other attorneys, and due to the stringent requirements, a smaller percentage of attorneys carry the certified specialist designation.

Mr. Kim's professional services include estate planning, tax planning, and asset protection. As needed, the firm's trust documents can include special provisions for the purpose of asset protection or tax planning. Advanced tax analysis is also provided for those with estates in excess of the exemption limits. Documents drafted by his offices include the necessary language to minimize estate taxes. Mr. Kim also advises on advanced income tax savings techniques, capital gains tax deferral techniques, and business succession and governance issues. After-service includes trust administration and probate administration.

Mr. Kim has been actively working to inform the community about planning techniques to reduce estate taxes and probate fees. He has published articles addressing issues regarding tax and estate planning. In addition, he has spoken about estate planning on radio shows and given estate planning seminars to individuals and financial professionals in Northern and Southern California. His seminars in the past have been co-sponsored by New York Life, Prudential, Merrill Lynch, Farmers, AXA Advisors, Metlife, and Oppenheimer, among others. He has co-authored the chapter on the "*Nature and Classification of Trusts*" for West Group Legal Publishers, a leading legal publishing company. "*Nature and Classification of Trusts*" educates lawyers about trust and estate planning issues.

Mr. Kim is a graduate of the Cornell University Law School, majoring in Business Law and Regulation. He attended the University of California at Berkeley and received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics.