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Mr. Walker was the Chair of the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California for 2014 - 2015.

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Mr. Walker also worked at the California Franchise Tax Board. He is admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court, has 18 civil tax trials and numerous published United States Tax Court cases, and is a recipient of the IRS Special Act Award.

Mr. Walker was invited to Washington D.C. in 2016 by the Taxation Section, State Bar of California, to present a position paper regarding the Foreign Account and Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). In 2014, Mr. Walker presented a paper topic regarding The Modification and Compromise of Restitution Orders in Criminal Tax Cases. In 2012, he presented a paper topic regarding the tax treatment of foreign retirement accounts, and in 2010, Mr. Walker presented a paper topic regarding a significant tax issue facing businesses in California. The papers were presented to the Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Department, U.S. Tax Court, and Congressional personnel.

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