



James Dunn

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High net worth individuals and families turn to James to preserve and transfer wealth through sophisticated estate planning strategies.

PRACTICES

Trust and Estate Planning and
Administration
Tax
Private Client

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School
of Law, J.D., 2016
Berkeley Business Law Journal, Senior
Articles Editor

University of Nevada, B.A., 2012

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
Nevada

James focuses his practice on estate planning, wealth transfer, and trust and estate litigation for high net worth and ultra-high net worth individuals, families, and closely-held business owners. He counsels clients across the full spectrum of estate planning needs—from foundational revocable trust structures to complex multi-generational and succession planning strategies.

James works closely with tech founders, philanthropists, and corporate trustees, bringing the same depth of attention to each client's distinct financial picture, family dynamics, and long-term goals—whether that means structuring a complex trust or advocating in court when disputes arise.

Before rejoining Holland & Hart, James practiced at the Silicon Valley office of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. He also served as a law clerk to former Chief Justice Michael A. Cherry (retired) of the Nevada Supreme Court.

EXPERIENCE

- Gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer tax planning
- Irrevocable trusts, including intentionally defective irrevocable trusts (IDITs), grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs), qualified personal residence trusts (QPRTs), and irrevocable life insurance trusts (ILITs)
- Values-based trusts
- Marital property planning
- Wills and revocable trusts
- Powers of attorney and living wills
- Asset titling and customized beneficiary designations
- Planning for minors
- Business succession planning
- Estate and trust administration
- Limited liability companies and family partnerships
- Charitable trusts
- Irrevocable life insurance trusts

- Beneficiary disputes

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Member
- State Bar of Nevada, Member
- State Bar of California, Member