



CAMERON HESS

Cameron L. Hess, CPA, Esq., is a Fennemore Director. He brings his unique dual experience as a Certified Public Accountant and lawyer in the firm's transaction department. A Certified Public Accountant with KPMG, Cameron's diverse 41-years of experience focuses on strategic planning and advocacy for clients in real estate, business transactions, estate planning and nonprofits. He is distinctly recognized for his federal, state, and local tax controversy work. While Mr. Hess' past experience has included public company representation, for the last three and a half decades he has focused on providing comprehensive representation for closely held businesses and family planning. This has included mergers and acquisitions, setting up US subsidiaries, and comprehensive tax and succession planning. Mr. Hess has also continued his practice in state tax controversy work (property, sales, and unitary income taxation) and special issue representation, including nonprofits, international, special trusts, and family limited partnerships. Mr. Hess was previously director of the WKBKY's nonprofit practice.

While not single industry specific, his clientele come from real estate, agriculture, manufacturing, education, and service industries. Mr. Hess has published over 200 articles, has served as an adjunct professor at McGeorge Law School, Cosumnes River College and UC Davis. Cameron has chaired numerous professional CPA and legal tax associations, and has been a speaker before national, state and local professional associations, and government associations. Mr. Hess has appeared before the California Franchise Tax Board.

Cameron previously served on the Board of Easter Seals Superior California and was an advisor to Easter Seals Leadership Association. He continues to serve on professional boards and conference committees to provide programming for CPAs and attorneys.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Southern California School of Law
- M.S. University of Southern California
- B.S., University of California, Berkeley

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business & Finance
- Mergers & Acquisitions

- Real Estate
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates
- Estate Planning

AWARDS AND HONORS

- AV Preeminent 5.0 Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATION

- Author, "[Navigating unitary taxation in California for businesses and non-residents](#)," Sacramento Business Journal, August 1, 2024
- Presenter, Corporate Transparency Act Presentation, Firm Presentation, February 15, 2024
- Co-Author, Corporate Transparency Act, Firm Newsletter, January 19, 2024
- Presenter, Real Estate Virtual Conference, CalCPA, January 19, 2024
- Interview, How To Factor In Taxes When Considering Special Needs Trusts / (ABLE) Accounts, Financial Advisor, July 13, 2021

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Contributing Writer, Spidell's California Tax Letter
- Member, Tax Section, American Bar Association
- Member, Tax Section, State Bar of California
- Member, Business Section, State Bar of California
- Member, Tax Section, Sacramento County Bar Association
- Member, Business Section, Sacramento County Bar Association
- Chair, CalCPA Estate Planning Committee
- Chair, CalCPA Chapter Real Estate Committee (RED Group)
- Member, Beta Alpha Pi
- Member, Tax Law Journal (USC)
- Member, Phi Alpha Delta
- Instructor, McGeorge Law School (Partnership Taxation)

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Tax Court
- Certified Public Accountant