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Walter T. Killmer is a Partner in the Corporate Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

For more than thirty years, Walter has represented individuals, families, fiduciaries and nonprofit organizations in the areas of estate and trust planning, fiduciary administration and charitable giving. He has also advised individuals on charitable giving and nonprofit organizations on planned giving, endowment and corporate governance issues.

Before moving to Los Angeles, he practiced in New York at two large international law firms, serving at the latter as head of the trusts and estates practice for seven years. Walter's clients include business owners, corporate executives, professionals, artists, families with dynastic wealth, and executors and trustees.

In addition, Walter advises clients in the area of international estate and tax planning. In his international practice, Walter has represented non-U.S. persons seeking to invest in the U.S. or who own U.S. assets; Americans living abroad; Americans who live in the U.S. but own property in another country; and U.S. residents who are nationals of another country and may have assets in multiple jurisdictions.

Walter's activities outside the office are many and diverse. He is a board member and Vice President of The Sorel Organization, a foundation that promotes opportunities for women in classical music. He is a Vice President of the Columbia Law School Association. He is a past President of Housing Works, which creates safe, affordable housing opportunities for homeless and low-income individuals and families, and is active as a lay leader in the Episcopal Church.

Memberships

- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- State Bar of California, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Former Member, Trusts, Estates and Surrogate's Court Committee
- American Bar Association, Member



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